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Not the Queen's Speech

Tories jettison their promises for legislation

Anthony Bevins and John Rentoul

An enormous raft of Government legislation has been jettisoned from today's Queen's Speech programme for the new session of Parliament; the Conservatives have chosen politically aggressive measures, as they turn the Commons into a key hattleground for a May

Yesterday, the Home Secre-tary, Michael Howard, revealed that his promise of a Government Bill to set up a pae-dophile register would instead be handed over for a backbench MP to fight through Parliament. But that switch - following an identical decision on stalking - was the tip of a much

greater iceberg. Other measures that appear to have been dumped include a long-promised Adoption Bill: action on restrictive trade practices and industrial tribunals, and on "cowboy" taxis, 1D cards, housing commonhold, and strikes in monopoly ser-

In spite of the Prime Minister's promise last night of a "clear Conservative programme, based on substance" a significant number of the measures trailed so tantalisingly before this month's Bournemouth party conference

were slipping into abeyance. Any legislation that does not lit in with the Conservatives' election campaign strategy has been kept out of the Queen's Speech, leaving it not so much a programme for a Parliament, as a trailer for next year's Tory manifesto - and a taste of the ical explanations for the Govanti-Labour campaign to come. ernment's curious and unusual Exposing his strategy, John conduct - of abdicating its

Major told an eve-of-session reception at the Carlton Club last night: "We intend to give parents greater choice in education, young people new opportunities to learn, and taxpayers the public services they

"Those are the aims of ... our programme for the next Conservative Government ... We believe in opportunity for all -Labour believe in oppor-

The Queen's Speech will focus on school choice, NHS fundholding and the next stage of Mr Howard's promised "crackdown" on crime.

The Labour leader, Tony Blair, will tell the Commons today that a "fractured society" cannot be healed by those who broke it up in the first place, and that it was no good for Conservatives to complain about the state of affairs they had created after 17 years in office.

also accused yesterday of cynically reneging on promises; of talking tough and acting weak. The trigger for the attack was Mr Howard's surprise announcement on the paedophile register. He told the BBC radio 4 Today programme: "There are

But the Government was

other ways in which we could get things like the paedophile register on the statute book more quickly than if we put it in Govemment legislation. The Labour Chief Whip, Donald Dewar, said there could he no guarantee that Mr

Howard's Bills would even he picked up by a backbencher, never mind become law. But there were two more cyn-



Royal cut: Many Tory pledges will be missing from The Queen's Speech at today's opening of Parliament Photograph: Tim Graham

own responsibility for legisla-

John Hutton, a Labour member of the Commons Home Affairs select committee, said: "I am deeply suspicious that Mr Howard will not do anything that appears to unite the polit-ical parties in fighting crime." One senior Labour source said there was a pattern of Speech, in spite of the fael that back for the manifesto.

and Industry has recently puhlished two draft Bills, on competition and industrial tribunals. but neither appears to be included in today's Queen's

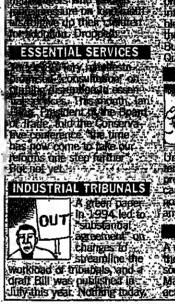
Tory conduct before elections—
In which they used the Whitehall machine to generate legislation for the party manifesto.
The Department of Trade

the competition provisions were promised in the 1992 manifesto, and dale back as far as 1988.

It is also understood that in spite of the strongest kiteflying by Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, that legislation was being planned to combat strikes in monopoly services, that, too, is being held

Mr Lang told the Tory con-ference: "I now intend to publish, after Parliament resumes, a package of new proposals aimed directly at tackling these problems." In fact, what he in-tends to do is publish a consultative Green Paper, with no chance of legislation being ready in time for parliamentary passage before the election.

THE MISSING BILLS PAEDOPHILE REGISTER & COMPETITION



ID CARDS cards, the government has your resisted pressure to do anything at all BUILDING SOCIETIES A draft Bill to relax further the restrictions on building.

societies was published in

March No controversy No action.

£5bn cable merger Cable & Wireless yesterday announced a £5bn deal which will create by far the biggest cable operator in the UK. The company will merge its British subsidiary. Mercury, with three of the largest cable operators. Nynex CableComms. Bell Cablemedia and Videotron, posing to BT and BSkyB. Page 18

Chirac's Israel fury French President Jacques Chirac threatened to cut short his visit to Israel after clashing with security police in Jerusalem's Old City. "I'm starting to have had enough of this," he said. Page 13

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Boris Yeltsin has lost it, claims his former chief of staff

Phil Reeves

Boris Yeltsin is "remote from reality" and the country is being run by his chief-of-staff and his daughter, according to a former top official from the Kremlin. Nikolai Yegorov has warned that the country faces a worse crisis than in the run-up to the 1917 Bolshevik revolution.

Mr Yegorov's remarkably trenchant views will be taken seriously because, until recently. he was Mr Yeltsin's chief-ofstaff. The job is now occupied by Anatoly Chubais, who has emerged as the power behind the throne during Mr Yeltsin's illness, working closely with the President's youngest daughter, Tatyana Dyachenko.

In an interview with Komsomolskayu Pravda newspaper, Mr Yegorov yesterday added his voice to the groundswell of



Photograph: Reuter but 'does not know what is happening'

is preparing for a heart bypass operation, is not in control, despite his edited television appearances, official meetings, and the release of a host of

presidential decrees organised by his aides in the hope of convincing the world he is in charge.
"He is remote from reality,"

Mr Yegorov said. "He does not know what is happening with Russia." Place a problem before the President, and he would become "irritated" and wanted to end the conversation as quickly as possible. His staff therefore avoided discussing anything unpleasant, he said.

His attack comes as the Yeltsin administration is grap-pling with a bost of problems, including widespread strikes over unpaid wages - including in nuclear plants - a disillasioned electorate, endemic corruption and tax evasion, and an angry army, which has seen its resources slashed and fears pending reforms.

Asked about the future, Mr Yegorov said: "Everything is very shaky. And it is very alarming. Some people compare the present situation with that in 917-the same feeling that nobody is running the country, the

same growth of dissatisfaction from the bottom up, the same destructive lack of principle on the part of the intellectual sec-tions of society and the same Rasputin-type intrigues around the head of state." But, he added: "I think that it was easier in 1917."

Mr Yegorov, who was dismissed in July, had some par-ticularly tart observations about his successor, Mr Chubais. He claimed that anyone who does not belong to his circle has been removed from positions of power in the Kremlin.

"He does not know Russia well" but he treats the country "as if it were some sort of putty" - to be shaped however he wants, said Mr Yegorov. Nor is he kind about Ms Dyachenko's role during the elections. "She kept intervening in matters that had nothing to do with the

Grey cardinal, page 11

IRA bomb threat at all time high

Jason Bennetto Crime Correspondent

The threat of an IRA attack, particularly on mainland Britain, has never been higher. according to police.

Scotland Yard is to introduce a series of anti-terrorist measures in London in the run up to Christmas following warnings from MI5, the Security Service, and police intelligence. In the next few months the

Metropolitan Police will in-

crease the number of officers in-

volved in anti-terrorism activitics, including extra patrols and searches of suspicious premises and property. Extra road blocks and undercover opera-tions are also expected. Public appeals for help through the anti-terrorist botline - 0800 789 321 - will also be made.

Security sources in Northern Ireland confirmed that the RUC and the Army have been alerted about the threat of more IRA attacks. As part of the safeguards, personal protection for a number of public

figures in Northern Ireland has been strengthened.

A Scotland Yard source said: The threat has never been higher. We think it is the highest is has been since the end of the ceasefire.

David Veness, assistant commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, and head of specialist operations, said: "Looking at the period ahead, we are entering dangerous months.I regret that the threat is likely to be in the long term.

"There's felt to be a heightened threat at the moment."

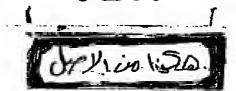
The scale of the warnings, both on and off the record, are very unusual and emphasise the level of danger intelligence officers believe the country faces. The alert is understood to be based on a culmination of intelligence rather than on a single piece of information.

The terrorists are thought to be determined to avenge last month's fatal shooting by police ong term." of their London operative
A security source said: Diamuid O'Neill. There are

also a number of significant dates which make the next few months a particularly sensitive period. These include the faltering peace talks, the American presidential election, and several significant anniversaries in the Provisional calendar.

RUC officers in Belfast believe that the 10 tonnes of explosives discovered in London last month were destined to be used in attacks to coincide with this month's IRA bombing of the Army's Northern Ireland HQ at Lisburn, Co Antrim.





significant shorts

not linked to water pollution in advance'

Contamination of drinking water at Camelford in Cornwall eight years ago is not to blame for three cases of leukaemia in a single class at a local school, public health experts said yesterday.

An investigation by a team of cancer specialists has concluded that while there is no evidence of a link, they will keep the "cluster" of cases under review. The team also dismissed a possible link with overhead power cables, and said that preliminary measurements of radon-gas levels and who had different reliat Sir John Smith's Sec-

for concern. The water pollution incident happened in July 1988, when supplies to 20,000 people in the Camelford area were affected after 20 innnes of aluminium sulphate was accidentally dumped into the wrong tank at a water treatment works. Liz Hunt

Equal pay for women

Employment Secretary Gillian Shephard is to lay a new code of practice before Parliament today in the latest attempt to secure equal pay

She will tell MPs that despite 20 years of anti-discrimination laws women are still being paid 20 per cent less on Afro-Caribbeans, Pakistanis average. If the code is adopted it will be taken into consideration by industrial tribunals when hearing discrimination claims.

Special offers 'are bad deal'

Special offers, where customers huy one and get one free, mean that consumers, manufacturers and retailers end up losing out in the long run, a conference was told yesterday. Multi-buy promotions humped up long-term prices and promoted hrand disloyalty Paul Polman, gen-eral manager of Procter & Gamble in the UK and Eire, told the Institute of Grocery Distribution's annual convention. Glenda Cooper

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Cancer cluster Divorce 'can be predicted

Marriages likely to end in di-vorce can he predicted in ad-vance, a London conference was told yesterday. Professor Howard Mark-

man, of the University of Denver, in Colorado, said: "Conflict in relationships is inevitable. But we think if people learnt to manage it, the divorce rate could be reduced by 80 to 90 per cent."
He told the conference, or ganised by marriage charity One plus One, that couples whose parents had divorced

ginns were at risk, but those ondary School, gave no cause most likely to have a disastrous marriage were those who had communication

problems before they wed. Professor Markman said, however, that action could be taken to reduce conflict. A counselling scheme called the Prevention and Relationship **Enhancement Programme** was proving effective.

Credit squeeze on minorities

People from ethnic minorities are having to rely on less traditional means of getting credit because they are unlikely to be offered - or do not want - a loan from a bank or huilding society.

A survey by the Policy Studies Institute found that and Bangladeshis relied on a mixture of loans from friends and relatives, credit from shopkeepers and advances from local savings and loan schemes because they rarely had positive experiences of major lending institutions.

Top award for McQueen

Alexander McQueen was last night chosen as British Designer of the Year - the most coveted award in the UK fashion industry. McQueen, who last week signed a con-tract to take over from Galliano at Givenchy, received his award at the Lloyds Bank British Fashion Awards at the Albert Hall. Melanie Rickey

Public loses out on train profits

Michael Harrison

The Government rejected advice from its own rail franchising director that would have allowed taxpayers to share windfall profits made by the privatised train companies, it

emerged last night.

A report by Sir John Bourn, head of the National Audit Office (NAO), discloses that the franchising director, Roger Salmon, made the recom-mendation to Sir George Young, Secretary of State for Transport, in May 1995 hnt it was ignored.

Mr Salmon, who has been or-

ministers to insert a clause in the sale agreements allowing taxpayers to share in any "abnor-

mally high profits".

This, he considered, would provide better value for money for the public, says the NAO. The report goes on to say ministers took the view that there might be "drawbacks in presentational and value-for-money terms in not being able to claw back super-profits". Nevertheless, his advice was

rejected on grounds that it might deter bidders from com-

first three franchises, Great Western Trains, SouthWest Trains and the London-Tilbury-Southend Line, also shows the Government spent £40m on advisers' fees without complying with Treasury guidelines and doing a competitive tender. Last night Labour said Sir George had "bulldozed" the ad-

vice of Mr Salmon out of the way in his haste to speed pri-vatisation. Labour also pointed out that in ignoring Mr Salmon it was technically disregarding

dered to appear before the Commons Public Accounts Committee on Monday, urged commons Public Accounts Committee on Monday, urged commons Public Accounts Committee on Monday, urged compensate.

The advice of a government-apcount of a government-ap The report on the sale of the frontbench transport spokesman, said: "In forcing through rail privatisation at any cost, buildozing the profit sharing proposals of his own account-

ng adviser, the Secretary of State gave the green light for super-profits at the taxpayers

expense."
The NAO report shows four of the bidders for the first three franchises raised the issue of revenue risk-sharing them-selves. Under this proposal they would have shared super-profits with the taxpayer if they extra subsidy if revenues fell by 10 to 20 per cent.

The LTS franchise was finally taken over by Prism, a consortium of four bus companies, after the management buy-out team which had originally been awarded the franchise was caught up in a fraud investigation...

Stagecoach, another bus company, won the auction for SouthWest Trains, the biggest commuter railway in Europe, operating services from Waterloo Station. Since the award

a personal fortune of £26m. Shares in Stagecoach have risen

by more than 25 per cent. The other franchise, Great Western Trains, was acquired by a management buy-out team.

Great Western Holdings.
For Labour, Mr Smith added: This is a clear sign that ministers allowed privatisation to proceed on a god and a wink behind closed doors before proper instructions had been issued. This behaviour flies in the face of public accountability

Travellers seek to make 'bender village' legal



Ruling the bends: the 'bender' camp at Kingshill, near Shepton Mallet, which is the subject of a planning appeal

Charlie Bain

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THE INDEPENDENT ABROAD

A group of travellers took their case to the Court of Appeal yesterday after the Secretary of State for the Environment turned down planning permis-sion for them to haild experimental homes in a field they had

bought in Somerset. The 20 members of the Kingshill Collective were the subject of a planning inquiry last year

which could set a precedent for

"alternative dwellers" across

bought four acres of land near Glastonhury and applied for permission to set up home: Their alternative village - comprising 16 "benders", semi-permanent homes made from largely organic materials - takes its power supply from solar panels, uses dead wood for heat and draws water from a borehole at the top of the field. to the public purse, sustain-

Nearly two years ago they-

But it was denied permission by Mendip District Council which said it was seeking to pro-tect the rural and visual char-

and appeal led John Gummer, the Secretary of State, to "call in" theirs and similar judgements for reconsideration. Mr Gummer wrote: "The considerations favouring the grant of planning permission in-

acter of the area. The refusal

clude continued security, savings

ability and experimental val-

But he added: "The view is taken that all of these considerations... are not of sufficient strength to outweigh the strong planning objections, including

the highway objections."
In the High Court yesterday, Murray Hunt, representing the Kingshill Collective, told the court that the Secretary of State failed to reassess not only the strength of planning considerPhotograph: David Rose

ations, but further, the balance between these and the personal circumstances of the people

of Kingshill. He also said that Mr Gummer had misdirected himself to the circumstances in which the European Convention on Hu-man Rights is relevant to his determination of planning

The judge, Mr Justice Rich QC, is expected to pass judgement on the case tomorrow.

Second lottery draw to be made midweek

Marianne Macdonald Media Correspondent

A second lottery draw to take place on Wednesday nights will start next year, the lottery regulator will announce today.

Oflot is understood to have given the go-ahead to proposals submitted by Camelot several months ago for the mid-week draw, which will take place at the same time as the

Saturday one, around 8pm. A second draw is expected to increase total lottery spend by around one-fifth, with an extra six million people choosing to play. At present 30m people have a flutter on the lottery each

The move will be welcomed by the BBC, which has the right to screen both draws until November next year. While attracting criticism for its tackiness, the National Lottery Live

on BBC1 pulls in between nine and 12 million viewers a week. Camelot said yesterday that it had outlined plans to intro-duce the mid-week draw in its original hid document, following the model forged by other

lotteries around the world. The move is a way of propping up interest in the game, which has tailed off since its launch in November 1994.

pected to play on Wednesdays and 21.5m on Saturdays. Camelot's projections suggest that the change would have the effect of decreasing the jackpot for the Saturday game from about £10m to £8m, while the

mid-week draw's top prize would be about £5m. David Rigg, Camelot's spokesman, said it would be "extremely unlikely" that a third draw would be launched. "The majority of lotteries around the world work on the two-draw system. Although some do have a third, I think it would be in-

appropriate here," he said. While the public is likely to be generally in favour of the development, the move will offend church leaders, who warned a year ago that the lottery ex-ploited vulnerable people and undermined the public good.

In February, representatives from the Council of Churches of Britain and Ireland met with Virginia Bottomley, the Secre-tary of State for Heritage, to reinforce their message that the lottery was bad for the nation's

health. Yesterday the Rev Bill Wallace, convener of the Church of Scotland's Board of Responsi hility, said Mrs Bottomley's decision to allow a second draw "flew in the face of the churches in Britain". Describing the lottery as an "opiate for the despairing", he warned: "It is an explnitation of the poor. There is this incessant statement that 'it could be you' when there is almost no chance that it could be

a particular individual." The introduction of a midweek draw will also be viewed with dismay by the gaming industry, which has been badly hit by the weekend draw with takings substantially down in some

Promoter urges new rules on orchestra ticket sales

David Lister Arts News Editor

One of the country's leading terday called on the Arts Council to issue new guidelines on ticket sales following The Independent's investigation into the vay orchestras were giving away

Raymond Gubbay, who has worked in the commercial classical music sector for 30 years and promotes shows at the Royal Albert Hall, Royal Festival Hall and Barbican Centre, in London, said: "There is an official cover-up that turns a hlind eye to what is going on."

As reported yesterday, thou-sands of tickets are either givon away free to hospital staff in the capital or sold for a nominal £2. Official returns of seats sold can include either or both the free seats or the £2 The marketing director of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra dmitted that figures issued by his orchestra were "burns on

that were given away. Some £2 vouchers for other organisations, including the London Symphony Orchestra, have been given to staff by the hospital chef revealed by The In-

nagh Hacon confirmed yesterday that any transaction in which money was exchanged - including these vouchers counted as paid attendances for the publicly issued statistics. Mr Gubbay said yesterday: There should be new guide-

count then we will get a truer know that 'papering the house'

happen with commercial pro-motions of classical music. If we seats" figures, including tickets do get a bad patch and can't fill a hall we would rather the artist saw it. We're not playing

dependent yesterday. Arts Council statistician Dehetter than it is."

away tickets, has called on the Arts Council to review all the orchestral grants. He called the lines laid down by the Arts Council on what counts and what doesn't count in the statistics. If we have guidelines saying that tickets given away or sold at a untional value don't

picture. At the moment the marketplace is distorted." He added: "This does not

to egos.
"Basically what's happening at the subsidised concerts is all to do with boosting sta-

tistics and playing to egos. And it implies that the subsidised sector is doing rather David Whelton, managing director of The Philharmonia orchestra, which refuses to give

present system "an unethical application of Arts Council subsidy". An Arts Council spokes-

[the practice of giving away tickets] goes on and we don't like it. But we are happy that the figures we get from the orchestras are for paid attendances. The revelations about the or-

chestras' ticketing procedures could not come at a worse time Next month the Secretary of

State for National Heritage, Virginia Bottomley, will announce the annual government grant to the Arts Council, and the council will debate how to distribute it.

Council members are certain to raise the question of attendances at London's orchestral concerts and the way official fig-ures are collated, when they decide whether to increase or reduce the grants to individual

Mrs Bottomley would only say yesterday: "This is a mat-ter for the Arts Council."

Wind of change blows through Wales

Nicholas Schoon

Europe's biggest wind farm opens in mid-Wales today, making Powys one of the most ecologically-powered places in the world, as more than 40 per cent of the district's electricity

now comes from the wind. The local council granted planning permission for the 56 Danish-built turbines on an upland moor near the village of Carno last year, and there was

Even so, it is facing resistance

say it is one wind farm too many in the principality. The £26m farm, owned and built by Britain's biggest elec-tricity generator, National Pow-

er, will generate up to 33 megawatts, enough for 25,000 homes. It covers more than two sounce miles and each turbing is more than 160 feet tall from its base to the tip of its upper-

most hlade. Project chief, Peter Musgrove, said: "Wind power is clean, safe and natural and is cheaper than electricity from

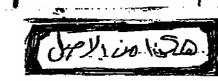
Penny Smith, deputy director of the Campaign for the Pro-tection of Rural Wales, said: "We objected because there has been so much wind power development already in this part of Wales."

The National Power development is the fourth wind farm in Powys, while all of Britain has only 31. It is prime wind farm country because, being at high altitude and without trees, the wind blows fast and free. There are planning applications for two further farms in Powys and from countryside campaigners nuclear sources. We need it to an extension to one that has al-and some local residents, who scene our children's future." an extension to one that has al-



The new wind farm in Powys





Is Britain really a worse society?

Crime is up but picture is complex

lotten

Is society more violent, crimeriddeo and disagreeable than ever before? That is the premise underpinning this week's moral debate crystalised by Frances Lawrence. The widow of Philip Lawrence, the murdered headteacher, wants a society of civic values, of effort, earnestness and excellence. But did such a community ever exist?

The debate presupposes that a period existed when society was quieter, more ordered and espectful. The kind of place that older teachers and police officers and John Major in warm beer mode might look back on fondly. Yet the criminologists and the sociologists with their eye on the broader picture disagree. Though crime figures are rising, the increase may not be as great as the cold

As Professor Geoffrey Pearson, of Goldsmith's College, London, who has examined the history of fear of crime, said yesterday: "I bet London today is much less violent on the street than 100 years ago."

In simple statistics, there were 745 bomicides in Britain last year compared with 492 the year the Second World War ended, with an upward trend since. During the Fifties, the anoual murder rate ranged be-tween 251 and a 1952 high of 400, a figure oot reached again until 1967. It has not been lower than 500 a year since 1977.

There were 236 reported rapes in 1901; 377 in 1945; 618 in 1965 and 1,842 in 1985. Last year's peak of 5,136 included 160 cases of male rape. Robberies have soared from 921 reported cases at the beginning of the century to 1,033 in 1945 and 68,074 last year, a figure which doubled in a decade.

The figures both highlight and confuse the problem. While the incidence of rape has almost certainly increased, changes in men with no hope of a job might policing and social attitude mean part of the rise is because more is reported. In addition, Home Office research shows a link of the West of England, had between economic prosperity and violent crime while property crimes soor in recession.

some perspective. "The homicide rate in the Middle Ages was dreadful," he said. It had declined until 1900 before turning back up, with a notable rise from the Fifties onwards. Some commentators initially attributed that increase to more reporting but, Professor Young said, "it went up so much there is no doubt that it really did go up".

Furthermore, Professor Young believes public fear of crime may be justified. Women are at high risk, for instance, if domestic violence is included in figures. "Sensitive research shows there is a big rational core to these fears, but there has been a tendency to play it down in government circles."

Helen Peggs, of Victim Sup-port, said crimes also appeared increasingly callous. "It is difficult to prove, but there is a feel-ing of greater brutality."

But Professor Pearson, said:

"If the crime rate is going up, it is assumed that society is breaking down. But that seems to me to be a totally different question. History shows that people are saying exactly what they were saying 150, 200 years ago about young people and morals going to pot. If they re so sure that the world was a better place 40 years ago ... why didn't the people living then understand that?" Similarly, Helen Edwards,

of the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (Nacro), said that parole boards examining violent offenders believed the cases were just as nasty 20 or 30 years ago. "They just didn't get the same attention," she said. The question, as ever, was what to do about crime. For Ms

Edwards, since Home Office research suggested only 2 per cent of crime resided in conviction, relying on locking peo-ple up in prison by ease the problem was hopeless. Solving the social problem of prison be more effective.

But Professor Roy Light, a seem to be a reduction in some crimes like drink-driving. It's Professor Jock Young of Mid-dlesex University's Centre for about that.



"YOU OUGHT TO GO TO JAIL FOR THIS!"

What were the Fifties really like? Above, early road rage used in an advertisement selling insurance to motorists.



Sad 1950s were hardly a golden age

Peter Popham

To most people who had the misfortune to grow up during the Fifties, the idea that the moral way ahead for Britain today consists of fighting our way back to that decade must fill them

with gloom and foreboding. In the Fifties, according to this simple-minded litany, fam-lies stayed together and prayed together, eating their corned beef off the very best Bakelite; young men put Brylcreem on their hair and went out to work, and the nation had yet to lose its innocence. Society was or-derly and long-suffering, watching as its weekly bacon ration climbed from one ounce to five in 1950, then back down again to three. Decorum, self-control and respect for one's elders and betters reigned supreme. For our middle-aged rulers, and pre-eminently for John Major, Fifties-man incarnate, this was

the golden age.

They are right in pointing out the distinctiveness of the decade. The war had been over for years, but it threw a long shadow. A geoeration who would have been approaching their prime had been lost, and National Service, rationing, and a legacy of strict social control ensured that the survivors were not allowed to forget.

Ordinary people's expectations were kept tightly in check, and the wild exuberance of America in the heyday of Frank Sinatra, Marilyn Monroe and Elvis Presley seemed to come from another planet.

It was the loneliest 10 years that Britain has lived through this century; relative to our allies, especially America, it was also a time of poverty. Prime Minister Harold Macmillan may, in 1957; have declared "You've never had it so good," but he was talking to a population that had put up with clothing rationing until 1949, food rationing until 1954, and was oot able to buy imported clothes again until 1958.

been the Tories' slogan during their successful election cam-paign of 1951, but the chains of ankles of working people until

It was Britain's loneliest decade because the truth was sinking in, through the war in Malaya and the débâcle over Suez, that our days as a great

Churchill, Eden and Macmillan continued to act on the world stage, but in 1957 the EEC was set up without us. America remained our ally, but the economic and cultural disparity between the two countries was by now embarrassingly large: while the US roared ahead, at a peak of brashness. self-confidence and charisma, the UK limped behind - a pale imitation. It took Carnaby Street, the Mini-Minor and the Beatles, years later, to restore a little pride.

Perhaps it is precisely the true littleness of England in the Fifties that gives it such a nost-algic charge for people alarmed about the way we are going to-day. It was in the Fifties that words like "teenager" and " delinquent" became common currency - but these were imports from mad, bad America.

Look into this distant mirror. in a still from BBC Television's 6.05 Special, Lonnie Donegan, top artiste of skiffle, England's derivative answer to rock 'n' roll, grins his way through a number. while his audience, wearing long, flared skirts and poplin blouses and blazers, hands clasped, faces blank or slightly pensive, gaze at him as if he were giving them a lecture on personal hygiene.

This was a society which, thanks largely to the exhaustinn of war, was thoroughly stuck; and it is that stuckness that may now seem enviable. At the time, however, for thinking people, it was well nigh uneodurable. The characteristic English voices of the Fifties are those of John Osborne, Kingsley Amis and the "Movement" poets such as Philip Larkin: railing with bitter scorn at England's class system, its imperial pretensions, cultural mediocrity, etc, etc, yet closed, in a way that was true oeither of fluence from outside.

For all the formidable omblems our society faces today, we austerity clanked around the can be thankful that such poisonous insularity is behind us.

National Gallery curator to head Van Gogh

Arts News Editor

John Leighton, a curator at the National Gallery in London, has been named as the new director of the Van Gogh Museum

Mr Leighton, 37, is curator of

in London. He will take up his new post next year. He will be the first foreigner to run the prestigious museum, and even though everyone employed at the museum speaks English, he

19th-century painting at the Will be taking a course in Dutch.
National Gallery and studied at the Courtauld Institute of Art in Belfast, attracted internaprogramme on his areas of spe-cial interest, Impressionism and tional acclaim for some of the one of the authors of the awardexhibitions he has curated, most winning catalogue Art In The notably "Degas: Beyond Impressionism. In negotiating the the loan of also became very involved in the National Gallery's educational model.

Making: Impressionism. In negotiating the the loan of the last 10 years, the works by late 19th-century artists.

expanding its 19th-century col-lection, and major works by David have been acquired. Mr Leighton was also instrumental in negotiating the the loan of the Berggruen Collection of 90 works by late 19th-century and Gogb Museum supervisory board, Truze Lodder, said yesterday: "Mr Leighton has broad experience, vision and expertise. We were particularly impressed with his vision in the area of education, which is something that needs developing at the

Holland generally." Mr Leighton is married to Gillian Keay who is the paintings conservator at the Guildhall Gallery in the City of London.

They have two children.

Leighton has been chosen as director of this famous European museum. His promise as a young allery in the City of London.

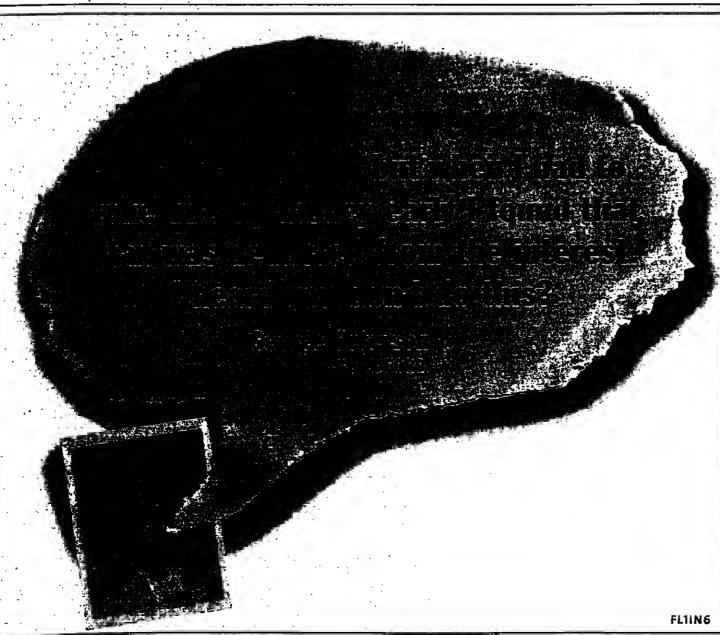
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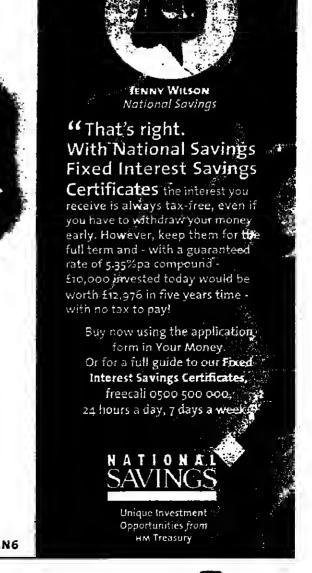
The director of the National curator at the gallery has been triumphantly fulfilled. We are very sorry to lose him but immense-Gallery, Neil MacGregor, com- ly proud of his achievement."



SAVINGS AND

INVESTMENTS





Judges free women who refused to testify



Michael Streeter

Two womeo jailed after refusing to testify against a man ac-cused of assaulting one of them Court of Appeal ruled that it had been an "exceptional case." Sarah Holt, 20, and her They rather feel that the legal friend, Sophie Bird, 22, were system has let them down but Chelmsford Crown Court eight days ago for refusing to testify

against the younger woman's ex-boyfriend, Alex Fryatt. They lat-er claimed they had been intimidated and feared reprisals if they gave evidence. Mr Fryatt, who had been ac-

Court ruling two women issued a statement saying the were "dewalked free yesterday after the lighted" at the verdict. The statement, read by Ms Holt's grandfather, Len Holt, said:

system has let them down but sentenced for contempt at at least they are thankful that the court has today seen fit to correct what they feel was in-justice." He said the women were still nervous and frighteoed and were looking forward to returning to their families and resuming a normal

cused of GBH with intent and was alleged to have stamped on Lord Justice Roch, the Appeal Ms Holt's face, was acquitted judges said they had consider-

when the prosecution offered able understanding of the deno further evidence.

After yesterday's Appeal

able understanding of the dehave been foolish in their apcases. They also criticised the trinessage and could deter witnessage and co imprison the women after their refusal to testify at the Chelmsford Crown Court hearing, which had been due to start on

16 September. Lord Justice Roch said the dge had not been told that Ms Holt, who suffered a fractured jaw and whose face was "mrecognisable" after the attack, and her friend had been subjected to continuous intimidation before the trial.

The judges also criticised the pair for failing to disclose intimidation of their barrister, and pointed out that M Holt had not sought legal advice before the hearing last Tuesday

have been offered," said Lord Justice Roch.

Nevertheless, in what was an exceptional case, there had been a failure to apply Crown Prosecution Service guidelines for domestic-violence cases, which allowed for a delay when key witnesses were frightened to give evidence. There had been no consideration either of allowing written statements to be used instead under Section 23 of the 1988 Criminal Justice Act, which Parliament had intended to help deal with the growing ruthlessness of criminals and their associates." The judges urged that more use be

ing the two women had committed contempt.

In quashing the sentences of three months youth custody for Ms Holt and two months jail for Ms Bird, the judges recognised they had suffered the "trauma" of imprisonment and "the clang of the prison gates." They substituted sentences of one week each, which effectively allowed them to walk free after eight days in Holloway Prison and, in Ms Holt's case, Drake Hall Open Prison, Staffordshire. Earlier, their counsel, Alun Jones QC, said the trial judge's

al judge for not adjourning the hearing for a day before deciding the two women had com-

Quoting Bleak House, be said the message sent out had been "suffer any wrong that can be done to you rather than come here". The public would simply not understand why two women of good character, if lacking in sophistication, had been dealt with in this way. The judge had lacked sensitivity, and, as a re-sult, the two had suffered the "alien" experience of being put in cells where they had been offered drugs. The women, both from Waltham Abbey, Essex, are believed to have sold their sentence had seot the wrong story to a newspaper.



Sophie Bird: She and her friend feared reprisals

Foreign Office fails families who suffer tragedies abroad

ian Burreli

The Isherwood family were on their first foreign holiday. On the grassy verge beside a quiet road on the Greek island of Crete, Howard Isherwood pushed his four-year-old son, David, in a huggy as his wife, Joan, walked beside them with their other son, Andrew, nine.

Almost unnoticed, a white Toyota appeared from nowhere at high speed and ploughed into them, killing both the hoys. The tragedy signalled the start of an eight-year battle for justice which the Isherwoods have had to fight alone.

£2,000 towards prison meals for those responsible for their childreo's death. The Government has not been able to help. Last night, the Foreign Office

said it had drawn up new guide-lines for the relatives of Britons who die overseas. The guidance follows a succession of complaints from grieving families about lack of official support. A spokesman for the FO

said: "Quite often, people assume that we are able to do more than we can. Relatives

therefore HMG can pay to repatriate my relative's body.

"HMG cannot do that. We do not have a budget to do so. But we can put people in touch with professional undertakers who can carry out that service."

News of the guidelines follows the distressing case of the Cunningham family who were informed by the FO that their son, Paul, had died in Malaysia of a drugs overdose. Dorcen Cunningham, 49, be-

gan making arrangements for the funeral of her son, who was 25, after being told that he had died after swallowing 43 con-In the latest shocking twist to doms packed with heroin. Io their story, the Greek courts are fact, the dead body belonged to asking the couple to cootribute a drugs smuggler who was carrying a stoleo passport which the young British graduate only reported missing 10 days after he was thought to have died.

Mrs Cunningham said: "At the time, I could ocver imagine he was involved in drugs. It was the worst thing a mother could ever imagine. I must have phooed the Foreign Office a dozeo times to check there

hadn't been a mistake." The Cunninghams' experieoce did oot surprise Brian Simpson, Labour's MEP for

tend to think 'I am a tax-payer. Cheshire East, who has campaigned for the Isherwoods. He said: "I just don't believe

that our Foreign Office helps British citizens who are abroad and in trouble as much as other EU member states."

Among those who are angry at their treatment by the FO is Simon Regan, whose half-hrother, Angus Wilson, publisher of the satirical magazine, Spiked, died in a car crash in Northern Cyprus in September.

Mr Regan said the family had expected the FO to fly Mr James' body back for burial. He was shocked when they were asked for £2,500 to cover the cost. He was even more borrified wheo the body arrived. "Poor Angus had been sent

hack in a cheeseboard box which had been tacked up loosely," he said, "The tacks had come uodone and the body had been partly exposed. On top of this rough crate, someooe had tacked on a piece of metal which resembled a cross." British uodertakers asked

the family for an extra £500 to pay for a proper coffin. Outraged, Mr Regan complained to the FO. "It does appear that Her Britannic Majesty's Consul doesn't give much of a damn



Cause for complaint: Andrew Wilson, who died in Cyprus last month. His family paid £2,500 to fly his body home

about Her Britannic Majesty's subjects once they become

Tracie Miles, whose brother, Paul, and his girlfriend, Joannua Stickland, were murdered while hack-packing in Uttar Pradesh in India is also hitter. Four years after the deaths, the families have not been able to retrieve the couple's possessions. It was a nightmare," said Ms Miles. "The whole thing is just appalling. I am hitter and I am sulate can advise oo the cost of angry. The Foreign Office say a local burial and offering to

they will keep you up-dated but

they don't. They are really not interested. The new FO guidelines at least let people know where they stand. As well as telling them that a British cou-

friends or relatives, they also warn that British officials cannot investigate possible crimes or contribute to hurial expens-

The advice has come too late for Joan Isherwood, but she help transfer mooey from is a never-say-die battler. "It was

quite horrendous. We were in a tragic situatioo; our only two

childreo were killed and I my-

self was at death's door. To theo return to your native land and find that there is very little support is like a kick

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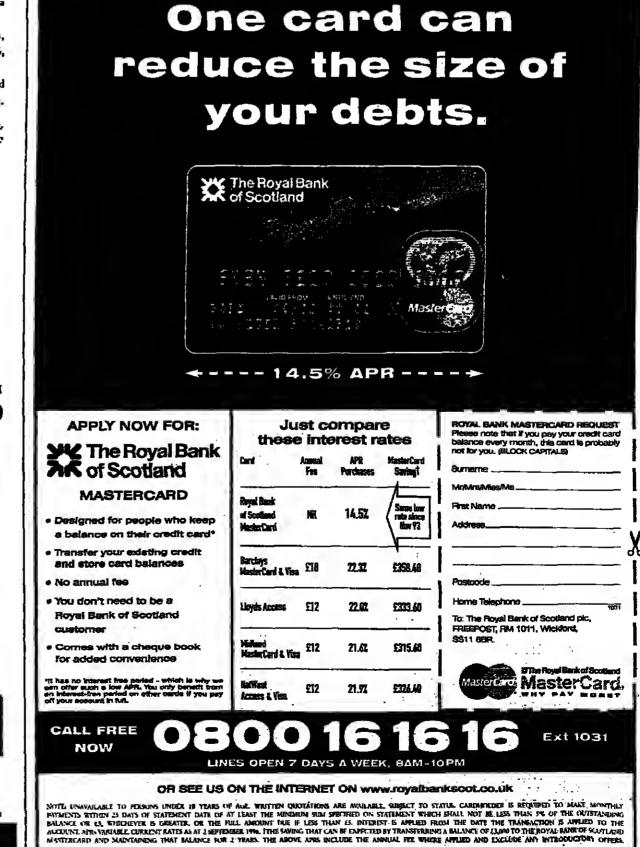


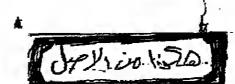
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Why teachers at this ill-fated comprehensive will strike unless a tenth of their pupils are expelled

Fran Abrams
Education Correspondent

The sprawling buildings of The Ridings School were empty yesterday, apart from a handful of workmen doing half-term maintenance. Outside the gates, a gaggle of small boys had gathered, wheeling around on bikes and feeding small half-truths to the waiting press. On the edge of a Halifax council estate, the latest act in the great school discipline drama was being unravelled.

Most of the main players were elsewhere, but it still seemed that this rather bleak collection of brick, concrete and pre-fab might hold a key to something. Why had a school, opened amid unbounded en-thusiasm less than two years ago, spun into decline so fast that staff may strike unless 60 pupils are excluded or disciplined? Why did a head who once talked of "wonderful opportunities" and of "looking to the 21st century" resign last Fri-day, complaining of exhaustion and disappointment? And, more crucially, was the crisis at The Ridings just a symptom of arising tide of indiscipline and moral decay among the na-tion's youth?

The answer to the last ques-tion is almost certainly "no", but the story of this ill-fated comprehensive may indeed hold some lessons for those involved in an increasingly pressing debate on how we should cope

with disruptive pupils.

All the elements are here. Stones thrown at teachers, staff punched and kicked by pupils, even a pregnant 13-year-old excluded after a fight with her boyfriend. This could be the perfect tale of social disintegration in the 1990s: just the thing that Frances Lawrence, whose head teacher husband, Philip, was murdered outside his London comprehensive last December. has been talking about.

But, of course, things are never quite that simple. Even the staff of The Ridings, who have announced a ballot on industrial action after a number of violent incidents, say the majority of their 600 pupils are nothing short of a delight.

And if a general lack of prayer and stiff upper lip were entirely to blame, a cymic might be forgiven for asking how some inner-city schools manage to impose a calm, orderly atmosphere without having to rid themselves of a tenth of their

to be an easy proposition. Created in January 1995 from two council estate comprehensives. each of them with falling rolls ter a fight with her boyfriend in



Front line: Sarah Taylor, 13, (left) of The Ridings School in Halifax is one of the pupils who was excluded by headmistress, Karen Stansfield (right)

and declining reputations, it was bound to find itself with many of the area's most difficult

Nor were the surroundings into which these pupils were deposited likely to inspire. Behind an imposing Art Deco front flanked by foliage-lined steps, even an extra £4.5 million promised by Calderdel even a few for the c mised by Calderdale council for a facelift has been unable to eradicate cramped conditions and poor facilities. The site is so open that staff have had to put up with abuse from members of the public during games lessons, and truants can easily wander away.

teenagers.

Despite all this, things seem ed to go smoothly enough for the first year or so. Exam results were poor last year and a third of the pupils left with no qualifications whatsoever, but with the merger just six months before GCSE time, this could be forgiven. Head-teacher Karen Stansfield and her staff brought in a programme called "Discipline for Learning" - highly suc-cessful elsewhere - and tried to order their pupils' lives around a rigid system of sanctions and

rewards. So far, so good.

It was in January this year that Brian Garvey, local executive member of the National Association of Schoolmasters/ Union of Women Teachers,

was first called in. "There had been a few problems with assaults on staff, but they were generally dealt with quite amicably," he said. "In most cases the pupils were removed and other forms of education were found for them." He believes a discipline clam-This school was never going produce at that stage could have prevented the current situation.

Then, in March, 13 year-old Sarah Taylor was excluded af-

Pupils v teachers A question of discipline

APRIL 1996: Shaff at Claiedele School, Notifingham, threaten strike action other 13 year-old Richard Wilding is excluded for allegedly at tacking billin treatment and pupils, but is returned by an appeals pensil. Action is protected by a deat in which Richard is taught in a special

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hers at Manton Primary School in Worksop Holtinghamshire, a bellot after governors overturn the head's decision to

H. More than 30 children are kept away from Marton in The governors' action. Manthew is promised individual tu-

thew Wilson, a disruptive 10-year-old.

SEPTEMBER: Andrew Enton, aged seven, is awarded legal aid to challenge his excussion from Welferre Intents' School, in Trafford, Greater Manchester. He had refused to sign a "good behaviour" contract after apparently biting a telepher and hitting and ticking other children. His perents say he is typeractive.

OCTOBER: Teachers at Facilité Course High School field ballets after en appeals pariel évertures the exclusion of a teacher en the notes

DECEMBER 1995 - Head tracher Pfilip Lawrence in the side St George's School, Malda Vale, north Landon, as to defend a pupil from a knife attack.

which a member of staff was allegedly pushed. An appeals committee overturned the deision but her parents agreed to withdraw her after 31 members of the NASUWT, who make up the majority of staff, threatened

to strike. Ten days ago Sarah, who had been hiding her preg-nancy, gave birth to a baby girl. But the conclusion of this in-

Staff began to report that a minority of pupils were rejecting the school's disciplinary system and were out of control. Truancy levels were too high, they said, cars were often vandalised and fireworks had been thrown in the grounds. By now, Mr Garvey had be-

was called. Schools inspectors, due in

December, are bound to have many criticisms. Yesterday, the education secretary, Gillian Shephard, said that if their visit had not already been fixed. she would have sent in an emergency team. The local author-

cident last month did not bring come a regular visitor and a fur-an end to the school's troubles. ther hallot on industrial action and support. and support.
It would be easy to read too

much into this sad story of a school in trouble. The pressures under which the school hattles are well-documented. Unemployment here is high, singleparent families are common. Grant-maintained schools are creaming off some of the best pupils and disciplinary sanc-tions, which teachers claim used to work - indefinite exclusion, for example - are no longer

available. However, all these problems exist elsewhere and they do not add up to a crisis of this scale. Yesterday, the chair of governors, Reverend Stan Brown. was not giving interviews or.

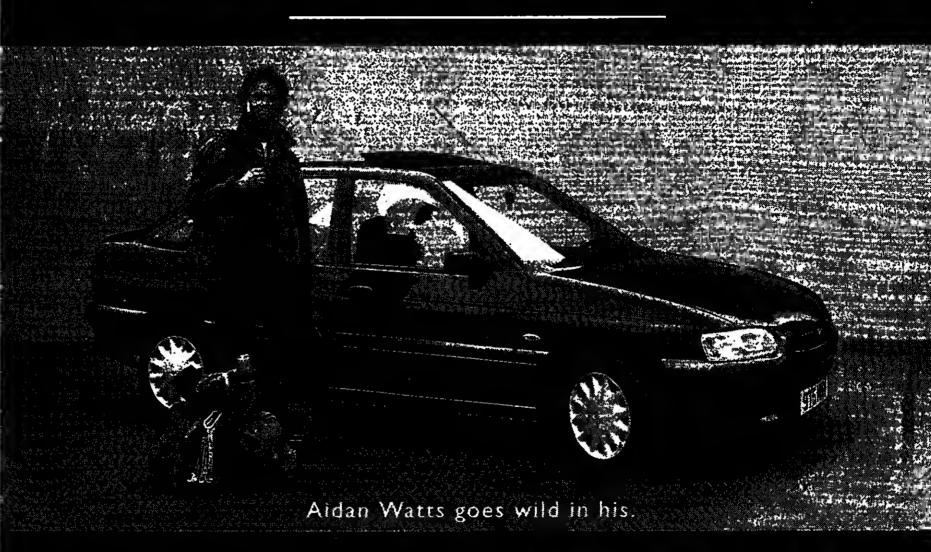
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Call for minister of child welfare

Patricia Wynn Davies Legal Affairs Editor

A national commission of inquiry into child ahuse called yes-terday for a fundamental shift of emphasis and resources towards the prevention of child abuse, and for independent commissioners to promote children's rights and welfare.

There should also be a new minister for children, at minister of state level, with a brief to co-ordinate child protection policy across Whiteball, the in-

Chaired by Lord Williams of Mostyn QC, a Labour peer, the commission was set up by the National Society for the Prevendon of Cruelty to Children and bas spent two years taking

A third plank of its report, published yesterday, is a call for a change of cultural attitude -"a new perception of children oot as possessions but as individuals with rights and developing responsibilities of their own". A public education exercise was urgently oeeded for schools, parents and would-be

The report comes amid angry responses to the Govern-ment's decision to leave plans for a national register of sex of-fenders out of today's Queen's Speech - having earlier promoted the move in its law and order programme. This and related employment and DNA testing proposals could be put before Parliament in a Private

Members' Bill. The commissioo calls for information to be recorded and co-ordinated about all those found guilty of, cautiooed or subjected to formal disciplinary action for any kind of assault against children or other serious misdemeanour that has

placed children at risk. It points out, bowever, that ances of abuse of children by strangers or members of paedophile rings, most abuse is committed by people children have most reason to trust: members of or individuals known to their own family. or people entrusted with their care. The current cost to statu-

preventive approach.

tory and voluntary agencies is £1bn a year. "Most of this money is spent on providing limited support and services after ahuse has occurred rather than on initiatives to stop abuse happening," the report says. "This cannot be an effective use of resources.

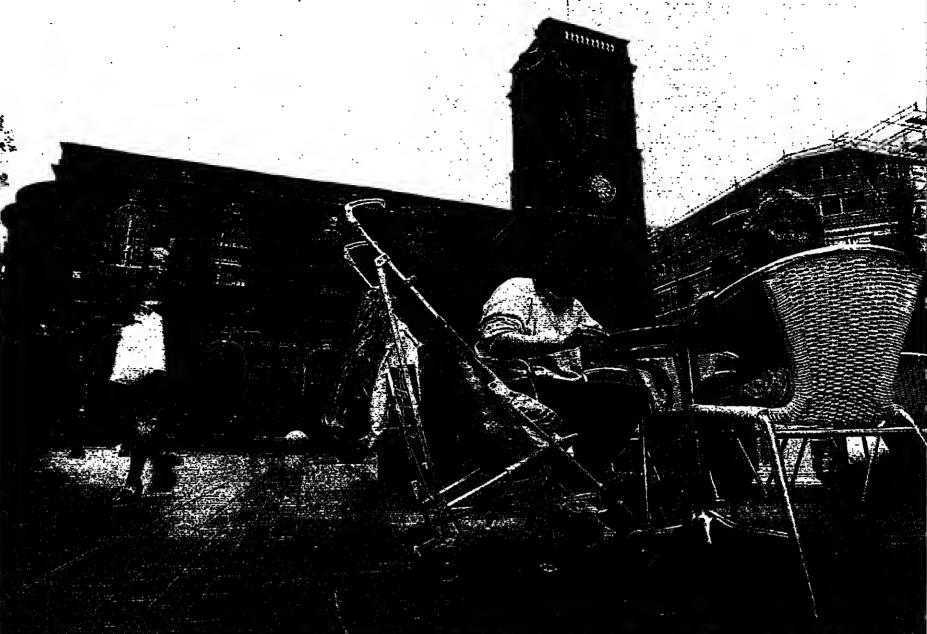
A common element in almost all instances of abuse or neglect is that much of what is hap-pening has been known to, or at least strongly suspected by someone other than the abuser, the commission emphasised.

The problem, estimates suggest, is widespread, with at least one in 10 children at some point in their childhood at risk of significant harm and likely to be suffering from physical, emodonal, sexual or other forms of abuse or neglect.

The report was welcomed by social services organisations. The chairman of the Association of Directors of Social Services children and families committee, Brian Waller, said: "We all hope that this report will focus public attention not only on the extent of child abuse in its various forms but also on the wide range of recommendations which need to be acted on if children's lives are to be made safer.

David Colvin, an assistant director of the British Association of Social Workers, said: "The report focuses on prevention. Who could disagree with that? Current policies are child-centred but largely related to abuse af-ter it has happened." Mr Colvin said that one in every 1,000 children in the country was on an "at risk" register because of fears of sexual abuse.

Victims of child sexual abuse must launch civil claims against their abusers withlo six years of their 18th hirthdays, according to a ruling yesterday by the European Court of Human Rights. The court turned down appli-Callons by four femal of serious abuse that British courts had wrongly ruled that their damages claims were out of time, even though one of the effects of the abuse was to prevent them from appreciating for many years that it was the cause of later mental problems.



Café society: St Anne's Square, which was damaged by the IRA bomb four months ago

The cream of Manchester: will we fudge our best chance to recreate a city centre?

Architects on shortlist must rise to opportunity of a lifetime, writes Jonathan Glancey

The team of architects and planners choseo oext mooth from a shortlist of five anyesterday to rebuild the centre of Manchester four months on from the IRA bomb that injured 220 people and caused lmmense damage to commercial and retail are being offered the chance of a lifetime: nothing less than managing the biggest cityceotre regeneradoo project in Britain since the Lutiwaffe opened the way for major re-

development in the Forties.

A look at the plans and models for the project, which go on show at Manchester City Hall this weekend, shows that none of the shortlisted plans offers the glamour, excitement or drama Mancunians might expect and deserve. At its peak in the late nineteenth century, Manchester was one of the country's most distinctive cities, a place of grand warehouses and grandiloquent civic buildings by some of Britain's finest architects. In receot years it has hecome one of the liveliest cioes, famous for its nightlife

and cafés and hars. Here, however, there is no Manchester of the twenty-first century. Instead, all five short-listed entrants to Manchester's International Urban Design Competition offer a pletbora of urban-design cliches that we have come to expect in the Nineties: tree-lined boulevards, new city squares, flats and houses, a winter garden, a remod-elled Arndale Centre, city walks, a new bus-station, pol-lution-free forms of urban transport, a waterside piazza on the Salford Bank and every



show at Manchester City Hall, ban design theory and practice over the past 10 or 15 years. Each team is at pains to in Albert Square. However, they are largely incomprehensible to anyone without training in architecture or town planning. But there is little doubt the

stress how green Manchester will become if it wins. Each posits the idea of wooing the professional middle classes back into the city centre. Each is a vision, more or less and in a vasion, more or less and in a va-riety of styles, of Richard Rogers's case society (where de-caffinated cappuccino replaces pints of Boddingtons) and, pos-sibly the better for it.

The ingredients are more or less right, yet none of the five hopefuls is entirely convincing. This is largely, perhaps, be-cause the task of redesigning a major city centre is not some thing that can be undertaken lightly or too speedily. The five contenders began work in mid-July; they had to hurry, but, like London in the aftermath of the Great Fire of 1666, the city is in a burry to get down to brass tacks. The City of London was able to rebuild relatively quickly after the recent IRA bomb hlast because it was effectively doing no more, and no less, than replacing like with like, one slick Seventies office block for a slick Nineties office block.

The plans and models of the



winning team will abandoo its first hasty thoughts and begin again from scratch.

What it needs to do is to win and then negotiate sufficient time to think the rebuilding

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call it imagination, but so far it

centre that will rival the best modern Europe has to offer. The five teams shortlisted are Halliday Meecham Architects nth Kichard Keid Associates EDAW (Urban Design and Economic Development, Simp-

son Associates, Benoy and Alan Baxter), Building Design Part-nership with Donaldsons, Manchester First (too many consultants to mention, but a wealth of local talent, from architects to traffic engineers), and another large team of experts led by the architects and planners Liewelyn Davies.

The full cost of rebuilding is not yet known. As the 3,300lb bomb that exploded on 15 July destroyed 49,000 square metres

of prime retail space and another 57,000 square metres of city-centre offices, and as the plans for the future are ambitious, the price will be high. Funding is expected to come from the Millennium Commission, the EU, English Partnerships, the Lord Mayor's Emergency Appeal Fund and

local business. A task force was set up immediately in response to the bombing, bringing the public and private sector together to manage the recovery and re-

construction. The competition was the initiative of Mr Heseltine, who has long campaigned for re-energised city centres. The results deserve to match the energy and faith that have gone into the project so far. It might, however, have been a good idea if Manchester had decided to announce the winner of the competition on any other day than 5 November.

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Seven steps to help the helpless

Government departments should co-operate to develop a

"business plan for children" designed to shift investment to a

■ The report repeats previous calls for the establishment of a General Social Services Council.

■ There should be more judges specially trained for children's

In child prostitution cases the criminal process should

■ Those working with adults should be trained to recognise

■ A public-education campaign to raise awareness of abuse and of what action people should take when they are concerned

Children's Commissioners should provide the media with the kind of "authoritative" information that is currently

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focus on clients and pimps who exploit children.

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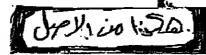
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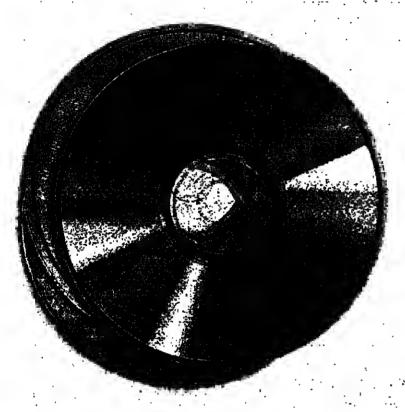
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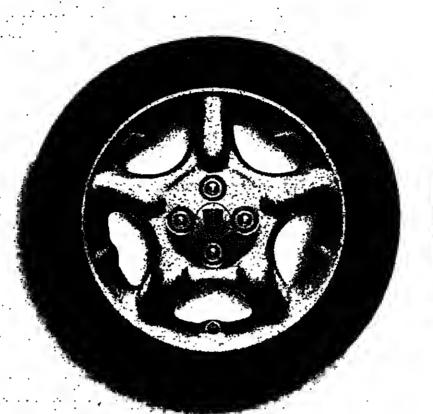
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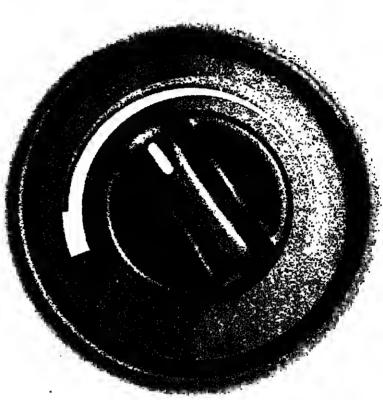
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Desperate hill farmers face bleak winter



BSE crisis: Beef producers to lobby Westminster as plummeting cattle prices raise spectre of bankruptcy

Hill farmers in the north-east of England are taking a financial hammering in the traditional antumn cattle sales as the price of calves has tumbled by up to £150 a head in the wake of the BSE crisis.

Today, more than 2,000 farmers from across Britain will onverge on London to lobby MPs after the opening of Par-liament. Sir David Naish, president of the National Farmers' Union, is due to go to 10 Downing Street to urge the Prime Minister to do more to help the stricken beef industry.

Farmers who fatten beef animals have suffered serious financial losses since the crisis broke in March, with auction prices down by about 25 per cent. Beef bulls, which typically might have sold for £675 a year ago, have been fetching around £500 - barely covering the cost of the

calf, let alone its feed. The knock-on effect is being

offspring of their suckler cows to lowland beef finishers in auport issued by the NFU's North East region yesterday, early sale prices have fallen by up to 29 per cent on last year.

Many mixed upland and livestock farms rely heavily on cattle production and cuts m income from finished and store cattle [which include suckler tating blow," said Kevin Pearce,

Traditional hill farmers are between a rock and a hard place. They usually only have sheds to over-winter suckler costs are high and winter lasts a long time on the edge of the moors. They must sell stock in the autumn, but this year beef finishers are wary buyers.

Richard Thornton, who farms at Kirkwhelpington in Northumberland, has sold 80 animals since the crisis broke at prices £120 to £140 a head down on last year. "It doesn't take a genius to work out that that is an awful lot of money straight out of the farm's profit margins. Nobody can go on making the sort of losses we

have suffered this year."

Mr Thornton will not be at tomorrow's rally. If he was, his message to ministers would to

felt with a vengeance by hill be to begin a selective cull of farmers, many of whom sell the cattle judged at highest risk in British beef exports. "We have to make a start because the EU 30 won't move otherwise," he said. "At the moment, the moment the door is slammed shut and there is nothing but darkness."

Mr Thornton's view was shared by the majority of farmers involved in the NFU survey - covering Yorkshire, Durham

Mr Pearce said there was "an overwhelming need" for an increase in the subsidy to hill farmers - to be announced in the Budget - but the survey re-vealed farmers "increasingly disillusioned" in the ability of term concerns.

Farmers in Wales are threateming to drive their message home by fielding candidates against Tory MPs in marginal seats. The power of the rural vote could be decisive in the Vale of Glamorgan and Brecon and Radnor which the Conservatives hold by 19 votes and 130 votes respectively.

Bob Parry, president of the Farmers' Union of Wales, said fielding candidates would be "an extreme measure" but he was not prepared to see agriculture "sacrificed on the altar of po-

Young people doomed to live at 'status zero'

More than 100,000 young people have become "status zero" and unless orgent action is taken more will follow them down the same route, a Catholic char-

ity warned yesterday,
Entering the moral debate,
the Depaul Trust called on society and the Government to help the numbers of young people who are becoming marsinalised from society and face the future with no hope. Status zero is a term used by

sociologists to describe the increasing numbers of young people who have effectively ceased to be part of mainstream society. The Depaul Trust said that an

Identikit picture of a "Status Zero" person is someone living with one or neither parent, or

in the care system.

He or she [although it is mainly young men] had a poor record at school with a history of truancy and would have amongst young men increasing by 75 per cent since 1979.

"We should have high aspileft school at 16, drifting in and out of government training schemes. He spends the ma-jority of his time with people of the same age, involved in crime and drug-taking, with no means of independent financial support, living in an inner-city area - probably a large council estate. He may well live at home but is on the brink of being kicked out as he will bring no wages and no benefits. His family can no longer afford him and the state offers him nothing. He will

probably be homeless soon. The Depaul Trust, which provides emergency nightshel-ters for 16- to 25-year-olds, commissioned this research after seeing 5,000 young people in its shelters since 1989.

zeros" employment prospects have dramatically diminished. said the charity. Under 25s account for more than one in four of all those unemployed. On training schemes the drop-out rate is as high as 44 per cent and nearly half-a-million under 25s earn £2.50 or less per hour.

Massive increases in rents and the lack of benefit entitlement make it impossible for many young people to find a home of their own. Ethnic minorities are particularly likely to end up living in run-down housing in the inner-cities.

The charity also warns that trends point towards younger people abusing drugs and al cohol and there is a strong link between substance misuse and crime. The mental health of young people is also particularly worrying with the suicide rate

rations for young people, we should not just be offering them a safety net," said Jackie Hall, the author of the report.

The charity called on the Government and voluntary organisations to invest in the infrastructure of communities for example schools, youth clubs, lodging and family reconciliation schemes and education and

training opportunities.

Trevor MacDonald, newsreader for ITN, and the charity's president, said: "I don't think we can call ourselves a modern up-to-date civilised so-ciety until we pay some attention to people who are coming up. We need to enable young people to develop and flourish and stand on their own.

DAILY POEM

archy and mehitabel: the tired ghost

By Don Marquis

well boss i have finally succeeded in getting into touch with that ghost that loafs around here he is a sort of tired out timid kind of ghost and says he wants it understood that he is doing no haunting he hangs around your office nights because it is quiet be says and he hopes you won t be harsh with him and put him out he is hiding from a bunch of spiritualists he says one medium in particular has been working him nearly to distraction he told me some of his experiences with spiritualists and it is a most pathetic tale which i will communicate to you later

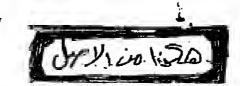
mehitabel the alley cat (motto: toujours gai) makes less frequent appearances in the cache of Don Marquis's "lost" archy and mehitabel tales found in a Brooklyn warehouse and first published this year. "mehitabel, the only cat I ever really loved", wrote Gerald Gould. Rebecca West thought her "a divine creature". Marquis's archy and mehitabel and archy's life of mehitabel still sell thousands of copies a year. A posthumous archyology: the long lost tales of archy and mehitabel is published this month by Bloodaxe at £7.95.



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Europe in the Middle East: French premier threatens to cut short trip as Royal Navy returns

Britain to send new Gulf naval flotilla

Christopher Bellamy Defence Correspondent

Britain is sending an aircraft carrier group into the Persian Gulf next month, the first time a British carrier has been there since 1992. It is a gesture of sup-port for the Americans who, according to naval sources, have been feeling somewhat "lonely" in the region.

The group, primarily designed to deal with hostile aircraft, will comprise the carrier HMS Invincible, escorted by two or three Type 42 destroyers and two Royal Fleet Auxiliary support ships. Early next year another large British force, centred on the carrier HMS Illustrious, will pass through the Gulf region en route for exercises in the Far East.

Armed Forces Minister Nicholas Soames, who is visit-ing the Gulf states, said it was important for countries like Iran and Iraq to see that it's not only Americans who are prepared to pull their weight in this region in pursuit of stability and peace". He added that Iran in particular "needs extremely careful watching." The US says Iran is a state which supports international terrorism, and there is widespread concern that ex-Soviet Kilo-class submarines in Iranian hands could cut off the supply of oil from the Gulf. Iraq also remained "a real problem for us", Mr Soames said. "Saddam shows no sign of diminishing adventurism. Until he conforms entirely to all UN Security Council resolutions it will remain a most unsatisfactory state of affairs,"

The Invincible group will take part in manoeuvres known as "Gulfex", which will last throughout November, and return home for Christmas. Britain has maintained a naval presence in the Gulf in the form of the Armilla patrol, and was one of the few countries to support US cruise missile attacks gainst targets in southern Iraq at the beginning of last month. The French also have a naval force in the area but have been less active in co-operation with



Chirac fury at 'provocation'

Patrick Cockburn Jerusalem

Angered by heavy-handed Israel security. French President Jacques Chirac threatened yesterday to cut short his visit to Israel and shouted at an Israeli police chief during a walk in Jerusalem's Old City.

"I'm starting to have had enough of this," Mr Chirac said speaking in French as Israeli police linked arms to stop Palestinians and foreign journalists approaching him. He nalists approaching him. He then told a security chief in Eng-lish: "This is not a method, this is a provocation."

The French president, his face flushed with anger, raised his voice as he said: "What, do you want me to go back to my plane and go back to France? Is that what you want? Let them go." A spokesman for Mr

quested a light security pres-

After a meeting with Mr Chirac later in the day, the Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Mr Netanyahu, told reporters: "I want first of all to apologise for what happened this morning. We did that for a good cause, to protect a friend. "I explained that since the

Rabin murder, our security of-ficials are extremely strict about protecting public figures." It is more likely, however, that the belligerence of Israeli security men was intended to underline to Mr Chirac that Is-rael controls the Old City of Jerusalem where 25,000 out of the 28,000 population are Pales-

He had already irritated the government by calling for the creation of a Palestinian state and the return of the Golan Heights to Syria.

Police in Jerusalem have a record of brutality and excessive use of force which has been heavily criticised over the last year by everybody from ultraorthodox Jews to Christian boy scouts. An investigation by B'Tselem, the Israeli human rights organisation, of police actions on Temple Mount on 27 September revealed "wide-spread, reckless and illegal use of force, including lethal force, that left three people dead and more than 100 wounded".

At another stage in his tour of the Old City, as he reached the the entrance to Haram al-Sharif, the site of Islam's third holiest shrine, Mr Chirac tried to push away Israeli police, saying: "No security now. I don't want you. Go away. You have no business here." France

later filed an official complaint with the Israeli government, Mr Chirac is tomorrow to address the Palestinian legislative a breakthrough on civilian issues council, the first foreign leader

party leader shouted that he was an anti-Semite. There are signs of growing violence on the West Bank as talks on Israeli redeployment from Hebron continue without any result. Israeli soldiers yesterday shot dead a Palestinian

to do so, and during his visit to

the Israeli Knesset a right-wing

The shooting in a village near Ramallah followed the killing earlier in the day of a Palestinian motorist whose car was hit by a rocket on a road near a Jewish settlement in the West Bank,

teenager throwing stones at

Meanwhile Dennis Ross, the US peace envoy, dropped his

plans to leave the Middle East, missing his plane to Washington because of last-minute hopes of

rather than military security. Earlier, angry PLO negotia tors described Israeli delegates attitudes as that of "occupiers toward the occupied". "Unfor-tunately the head of the Israeli delegation treats the Palestinian negotiators as if he is a milltary leader, and not as a negotiator," said a senior PLO security official Mohammed Dahlan of Dan Shomron, a

former Israeli army chief.

Israel accuses the Palestinian delegation of wanting to string out the negotiations on Hebron until after the US presidential elections in the belief that President Clinton will then be better placed to put pressure on Mr

UK restarts arms sales to Argentina

Christopher Bellamy Defence Correspondent

Britain is supplying spare parts for Rolls-Royce engines in Argentine warships. But Parliament has not been told the rules banning the supply of mil-itary hardware to the Argentine forces, which were introduced after the Falklands war, have changed or been reinterpreted.

The news that Britain has been quietly resupplying the Ar-gentine Navy with official consent since last Spring will be highly embarrassing for the British government, which insists the embargo is unchanged and is likely to outrage the Falkland Islanders and those who lost family or friends in the conflict in 1982.

The decision to recommence the supply of parts for the Tyne engines coincided with the start of informal talks with Argentina to secure its cooperation on the exploitation of oil fields around the Falkland Islands. But in October last year the Govemment reiterated that "military enment resterated that "military equipment falls under the terms of the embargo [introduced after the Falklands war] and will not be licensed for export".

Rolls-Royce's decision to resupply the Argentine Navy is revealed in the second of two Changel Disratches investion.

Channel 4 Dispatches investigations, to be screened tomorrow. The first programme revealed how MI6 had allowed the embargo to be circumvented in the late 1980s to gain detailed intelligence from within the Argentine military. The second programme reveals that Rolls-Royce and the Department of Trade and Industry changed their interpretation of the embargo rules but did not tell anybody else, including Parliament.

Contracts for exploration of the sea bed in the south Atlantic, which require Argentine co-operation, are due to be announced by Monday. Next week, the Argentine Chief of Defence Staff, Lieutenant General Martin Balza, is visiting Britain as part of a rapprochement between the two countries.

Six Argentine warships, inryahu. cluding two British-built Type-Leading article, page 15 42 Destroyers, are powered by



maintenance 'up to date'

Rolls Royce Tyne and Olympu engines. Until Spring last year the supply of Tyne engine part-from Britain to Argentina wa clearly prohibited, which caused the Argentine Navy consider able problems. It was this which led them to approach Mlo man in Argentina, Clive Russell to ask for help in 1987, open ing the way for him to penetrate the top-secret Argentine Nav

base at Puerto Belgrano. Channel 4 was able openly to gain access to Puerto Belgrane where an Argentine Admiral Marcelo Loza, proudly shower them a refurbished Rolls Roye Type engine which was on it way back to his flagship, the de stroyer Hercules. He confirmed that the Argentine Navy's Rolls Royce turbine maintenance wa 'up to date".

In a letter dated to Channe 4 on 16 October, the DTI said the embargo on arms exports to Argentina remained in place bu that it referred to any engin component or assembly "special ically designed to fulfil the re quirements imposed by the combat environment of a was ship". Therefore, the DTI ha "advised the company that ... would not require a licence t export other Tyne [engine] com ponents which were not special ically designed or modified for military use". In other words, r licence was now required for most of the engine component

The letter concluded the the DTT's revised assessmen "did not constitute either variation or relaxation of th



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Roman theatre: Fractious coalition reluctant to tackle problems besetting health service and Mafia-ridden south Bosnian

Italy's Olive Tree fails to bear fruit

Andrew Gumbel

Six months ago, the Italian centre-left won its first general election since the war with promises of radical change io the way the country was gov-erned, and an end to the chronic instability, corruption and creeping clientelism of the past. The victorious Olive Tree coalition is still in power - an achievement in itself, perhaps, in this most tawdry of political climates - hut there are precious few signs of the much-

promised revolution. All the old symptoms are very much in evidence: the policy priociples compromised by backroom dealing, the primacy of scheming party leaders over government ministers, the allegations of nepotism in public appointments and, perhaps most seriously, the near-paralysis in parliament making every piece of legislation a struggle of titanic proportions. It is not that the government

is particularly unpopular. If anything, it is still riding on the wave of cautious optimism that brought about its election in the first place. But there is no sense of a watershed as there was in Britain in 1979 when Margaret Thatcher broke the post-war consensus on the welfare state, or again in France in 1981 when François Mitterrand marched the left into power for the first time in 23 years.

Partly this has been for reasoos beyood the control of Prime Minister Romano Prodi

ment. Not only have they in-herited a political system that leaves much to be desired and cannot easily he changed, but they have also been faced with an agenda that leaves little room for manoeuvre. Cleaning up public finances in preparation for European mooetary union has been their overriding preoccupation, leaving little time or resources to deal with chronic problems in the health service, in the postal system, in the uoder-developed and Mafia-ridden south, and so on,

Partly, too, the government has been a prisooer of its own coalition politics and of its fragile majority in the Chamber of Deputies. Whenever a oew initiative is announced, Mr Prodi has to deal not only with the objections of the opposition, but very often with discontent within his own ranks too. The Olive Tree stretches from the collectivist far left of Rifoodazione Comunista, which is not part of the government but contributes vital votes in parliament, to the free-market, pro-husiness faction of the Foreign Minister and former premier, Lamberto Dini. The two wings make little secret of detesting each other and frequeotly work to trip each other up, often recruiting other factions within the coalition to do so.

Such tensions have made parliament a volatile place. In many of the committees where the smallprint of legislatioo is worked out, the government has a majority of just ooe, making crees on vital issues and, if



Praying for a solution: Romano Prodi (left) has not touched Silvio Berlusconi's private media empire

it easy for the opposition to take necessary, renewing them when advantage of absentees to shoot they lapse. But even this soludown draft laws paragraph by paragraph. The mood in the chamber is little better, as was illustrated 10 days ago when 28 of Mr Dini's deputies chose to stay away and the government went down to a humiliating defeat on a law providing emer-gency shelter to the homeless. As a result, the government has had to resort to the tactic

employed by many of its pre-

decessors - issuing 60-day de-

tion has come under threat. The constitutional court ruled this mooth that it was illegal to renew decrees without substantially altering their content, a decision that effectively took an axe to 53 planks of government policy that have yet to make their tortuous way through the parliamentary wringer. Mr Prodi's team is still trying to work out a solution to this, the latest of their many headaches.

slow progress of the past six months must also rest on the government's shoulders. Time and again it has proved over-cautious or behaved in ways reminiscent of the old system, especially with the media. First it replaced most of the hierarchy at the RAL the state broadcasting system, with a line-up that looked suspiciously motivated by political allegiance rather than professional competence. As a result there has been a near-revolt both within the RAI and the governing coalition.

Furthermore, the government risk Mr Berlusconi's fury.

has gone against its own campaign pledge to rewrite the rules on media ownership, refusing to touch the private television empire belonging to the opposition leader, Silvio Berlusconi, even though a constitutional court ruling ordered him to sell at least one of his three stations by last August. The issue is up for renegotiatioo in January but there are few signs that this frag-For the moment, the govern-

ment is clinging on partly be cause the parties making up the ruling coalition know there is no alternative, and partly because Mr Beriuscom's opposition has proved toothless. But politicians are in no doubt that any serious upset, in particular over Italy's qualification for European monetary union, would mean instant death for Mr Prodi's administration. Radical change, if it comes, will be slow and painful. The spectre of political instability, though tempered for

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elections hit by further delay

Tony Barber Europe Editor

Municipal elections in Bosnia were postponed for a second time yesterday in what looked like a setback for Western efforts to prevent the partition of the former Yugoslav republic. The Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), which supervised last month's Bosnian general elections, blamed "political difficulties in all areas of the country" for the postponement from next month until an unspecified date next spring.
The International Crisis

Group (ICG), an independent monitoring organisation, said that the OSCE was right to de-lay the vote because war criminals were still at large, hardly any refugees had returned home and there was not enough freedom of movement in Bosnia. Even worse, houses belonging to Muslims in Serb-held areas are being blown up almost every day to deter their owners from returning.

The municipal elections could potentially be a basis for rebuilding the multi-national communities that made np Bosnia before 1992. However, it is precisely that prospect which has infuriated Bosnian Serb and Croat nationalists, who are determined to split Bosnia into rigid national zones.

The OSCE ruled last week that people were to vote only in municipalities where they had lived before the war. This raised the possibility that hundreds of thousands of Muslims, driven out of their homes during the war, would return to vote, thereby reversing or mitigating the effects of "ethnic cleansing

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Many Muslims loyal to Presideot Alija Izetbegovic also favoured delaying the munici-pal polls. They say that up to 150,000 Muslim voters could be excluded from the elections because Bosnia's Muslim-Croat federation have oot yet drawn up the boundaries of the new municipalities.

The postpooement is the worst blow yet to the timetable for Bosnia's political reconstruction, set out in last year's Dayton peace agreement. A consequent extension of the OSCE's Bosnian mandate is likely to be agreed next month or in December.

The municipal elections, which had been due oo 14 September, were delayed by interoational concerns that they would not be free or fair.

Confidentiality fears as France launches new health 'smart card' stays, blood group and allergies. employer, workplace doctor or from each, and legitimately A cross between a British insurance company will have the claiming all the costs back from favour postponement

Mary Dejevsky

Between now and the end of the year, 45 million French people - 80 per cent of the population - will be receiving through the post a hiue and yellow booklet tantalisingly labelled "confi-dential". Small enough to fit in a pocket or handbag, this is the much-debated carnet de santé health book - and for the French public it is the first visible sign that the government's health ser-vice reform has really begun.

From January, anyone who visits a GP, specialist or hospital will have to produce the carnet or risk not being able to claim back the costs. The doctor will be expected to record details in the relevant section of the booklet, to include the reason for the consultation, prescriptions issued, vaccinations given, X-rays, scans, any hospital

medical records, the carnet will be the property of the patient and is designed to give any doc-tor consulted a summary of the patient's medical history. As presented by the health minister yesterday, its primary func-tioo is to ensure better

cootinuity of care. While appreciated by many people, especially those who travel or find themselves passed between doctors, the government's sales pitch of continuity and convenience is only half the story. The other half is a fierce controversy fuelled by fear that confidentiality will be hreached and suspicion that the real intention is to cut costs.

To preserve confidentiality, the patient will be identified in the carnet only by first name and social security number. "No official information, and a doctor may omit certain information at the patient's request-for instance, a chronic illness or

HTV status. Officials also oote that the carnet is likely to be replaced by a smart card containing the same information, in as little as

two years' time. On cost-cutting, ministers prefer to stress the "need to stop wastage", citing figures to show that France spends a higher pro-portion of its Gross Domestic Product on health than any other EU country (almost 10 per cent) and that doctors in France issue more than twice as many prescriptions per patient as doctors in Britain. The favourite bogey is a patient who consults several doctors for the same ailThe government hopes that

the carnet system will reduce this problem. Some patients, however, see any attempt to limit the oumber of doctors or prescriptions as dreaded British-style rationing. Doctors are protesting about curbs on their freedom to prescribe and may resist a system that could reduce the consultations they give - and so

their pay. The Health Ministry conceded vesterday that a pilot project introducing the carnet de santé for pensioners oo a voluntary basis had not been a success. An existing, compulsory, scheme for children is widely followed. Even so, the government is treading warily. There will be no punishment for anyone who fails to produce their carnet before next July at the earliest.

ment, collecting prescriptions

Imre Karacs Hanover

Germany's governing Christian Democrats wound up their na-tional conference yesterday with a stirring call to brace elves for austerity, shortly after they voted themselves free hamhurgers.
The delegates gathered io

Hanover approved a motion to allow McDonald's to sponsor future evects by supplying Big Macs gratis, and were then lectured on economics by the Finance Minister, Theo Waigel. These are damned tough times, and we have to tackle them together," he said.

the government plans to iment after the next elections in 1999. The hudget would be cut by DM30bn (£13bn), 8 per ceot of current expenditure. Where the savings would come from he did not say, though he indicated that welfare spending

would be severely curtailed.
The tax system, described by another motion as "unfair and too complicated", was to be overhauled. Loopholes would he closed and tax breaks and subsidies would disappear. The good news was that

everybody would pay less tax.

The top rate would come down

Wolfgang Schäuble, the from 53 per cent to 35 per cent, deputy leader, set out reforms while those oow paying nearly while those oow paying nearly 26 per cent would only forfeit a fifth of their wages. It is something to look forward to, though when the new tax system will come into effect is a source of intense debate within the coalition.

The Free Democrats, who like to pretend that they do more than just make up the numbers Chancellor Helmut Kohl requires for his majority, want the reforms to begin in 1998. The CDU is less optimistic that it can find the sums, and is hoping not to begin the greatest project since German unification until a year later.

Free Democrat sniping from the benches has angered gov-ernment heavyweights, and there are times wheo the coalition resembles a squabbling family. Mr Waigel used the opportunity of yesterday's ap-pearance to lash out again at his iberal colleagues. "There can't be two different roles in the coalition, with one side doing the dirty work in the quarry while the other side sells the

marble," he said to applause. That was, however, the limit of rancour at the eveot. One delegate did appear to dissent from the general mood of complacency - calling as he did for no Mickey Mouse policies" -

ed their leaders. There was no debate about Europe, for instance, and other contentious is sues were also swept under the carpet. Left-wing CDU members had prepared a resolution urging that long-standing foreign residents should be given German passports, hut somehow the issue never found its

way to the conference floor.

Mr Schäuble set the tooe by warning of a "catastrophe" if European Mooetary Union failed, and Mr Waigel assured delegates that there would be no tinkering with the Maastricht criteria. Everybody went home

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German warning over EU expansion

Sarah Helm

Germany is issuing forceful warnings to Britain that enlargement of the European Union will not happen if the Govern-ment continues to block further political integration. The warnings, from senior of-

ficials close to Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, suggest that Bonn is now actively pre-paring the ground for the pos-sibility of an indefinite delay in the process of enlarging the union to the east. It is also using the englargement threat to turn the tables oo Britain, which has always backed the inclusion of new member states as a means of diluting the EU.

For Germany, however, enlargement can only be a success if it follows greater integration. The message from Bonn is that Britain will have to agree to more power-sharing in foreign policy, defence, and criminal justice, as well as an in-crease in majority voting, if enlargement is to have any chance of going ahead.

One senior German official this week accused Britain of fighting a "flag-waving" battle with Europe, which would leave a country of "little Englanders more isolated than ever". Furthemore, Britain is being accused of fuelling Euro-sceptic

feeling in other member states. The British attitude towards Europe is now seriously endangering enlargement. If enlargement does not happen, it will be the UK which will be re-

Privately, German officials are predicting that the Dublin EU draft treaty is to be pre-sented will achieve visually nothing. We will try our best to conceal the fact," they say.

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Last week, Germany and Paris proposed a "flexible" approach to power-sharing under which a hard core of countries would be able to go ahead with integration, leaving unwilling countries behind. Yesterday, Werner Hoyer, the German state secretary, insisted that the Franco-German plan was not intended to isolate Britain, which would be welcome inside the new "co-operation" procedures. His comments, however, failed to hide frustration at the lack of progress in the IGC, and the new plan is clearly an at-tempt to bypass British block-The latest German warnings echo an apocalyptic speech by

Mr Kohl in Louvain earlier this year, when the Chancellor warned that if Europe missed this chance to deepen integra-tion, it might slide back to war in the next millennium.

Since then, Germany has tempered its anger with Britain, but now appears to be shaping up for further confrontation as Britain's anti-European and anti-German sentiment flares up again in the run-up to the general election.
"There must always be a bat-

tle - a battle of Britain - even though the battle of Britain is over. We had the battle for the Falklands and now we have the battle for Britain to remain British. You are just islanders, dreaming of past glories," said one German diplomat.

Although the anger is strongly felt, British officials say the threat of delaying enlargement, sponsible. We have given up all may also be calculated to suit hope of the UK in the immediate future," said the official.

may also be calculated to suit the changing mood in Germany, where there are growing doubts about how speedily the process should go ahead. Although integration is one prerequisite for enlargement, more money is another, and it is Germany which must pick up the lion's share of the bill.



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'with approval' on Kabul An apartheid police chief told South Africa's truth commission his men had killed black activists rather than arrest them and believed they had government approval. The estimony from retired police brigadier, Jack Cronje, heaped further blame on the country's political leaders for apartheid atrocities after evidence on Monday directly implicated ex-president PW Botha in dirty tricks. Reuter -

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Student 'spied' in Tibet

China has confirmed that a Fulbright scholar from Tibet is being investigated on suspicion of "gathering intelligence" and promoting Tibetan independence. Peking's embassy in Washington charged that Ngawang Choephel was sent to Tibet by the exiled government of the Dalai ama, with funding from Americans whom it did not name. It said he "used the cover of so-called collecting Tibetan folk songs to gather sensitive intelligence and engaged in illegal separatist activities". AP - Peking

Armour, artillery and hundreds of troops reinforced a major attack by ousted Afghan government forces who aimed to wrest the strategic heights above Kabul from the Taliban militia. Trucks of fighters belonging to Uzbek chieftain General Abdul Rashid Dostam drove towards the front line to join Afghan government commander Ahmed Shah Massoud's troops. General Dostum had been ooe of the principal backers of a ceasefire proposal this week. Real Bagram, Afghanistan

Elephants return

After decades of fighting that scared away elephants, the animals have started to return to Eritrea. Six elephants have been sighted since 1993, said Hagos Yohannes, head of the wildlife department at Eritrea's ministry of

Eritrea fought a threedecade war of independence against Ethiopia until the Marxist ruler, Mengistu Haile Mariam, was ousted in 1991. independent in 1993. Reuter -

Grey cardinal hovers at Yeltsin's side

Phil Reeves Moscow

Sour grapes there may have been aplenty, but the attack on Boris Yeltsin and his inner circle yesterday by his former chief-of-staff will have struck a nerve, not least because the official raised an issue that is now occupying centre-stage in Russian politics; the role of the socalled grey cardinal, the quiet dealmaker behind the Kremlin throne, Anatoly Chubais.

In a remarkably sharply worded interview published by the respected Komsomolskaya Pravda, Nikolai Yegorov yesterday added his voice to the chorus of complaining voices which now claim that the ill and aging Mr Yeltsin bas "lost touch with reality, and that power in the land now resides largely with

Such is his reputed clout that the Kremlin's upper eche-lons are oow only occupied by the 41-year-old Mr Chubais and his associates, said Mr Yegorov, who described the present chief-of-staff as a man who wanted to mould Russia "like putty" in his hands, while Mr Yeltsin remains largely out of view, preparing for a heart bypass operation, scheduled for next month.

Even if Mr Yegorov is over-

stating his case, no one in Russia disputes that Mr Chubais has become enormously influeotial, after executing a swift political comeback. Only nine mooths ago, he seemed doomed to political exile, after being dumped as Russia's privatisation minister. But he successfully managed Mr Yeltsin's re-election campaign, and was

eeper to the President himself. Mr Chubais also managed, en route, to secure the sacking of Mr Yeltsin's close friend, the head of the presidential guard, General Alexander Korzhakov, and the hard-line chief of the se-

rewarded with a job as gate-

sukov. Last week, he masterminded the ousting of Alexander Lebed, the security chief who was openly parading his ambitions to become president. There are no tougher opponents in Russia.

Mr Chubais - who today completes his first 100 days in office - already overshadows the Prime Minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin. He has control of the Kremlin's press service and personnel. He can draft legislation. He decides who meets

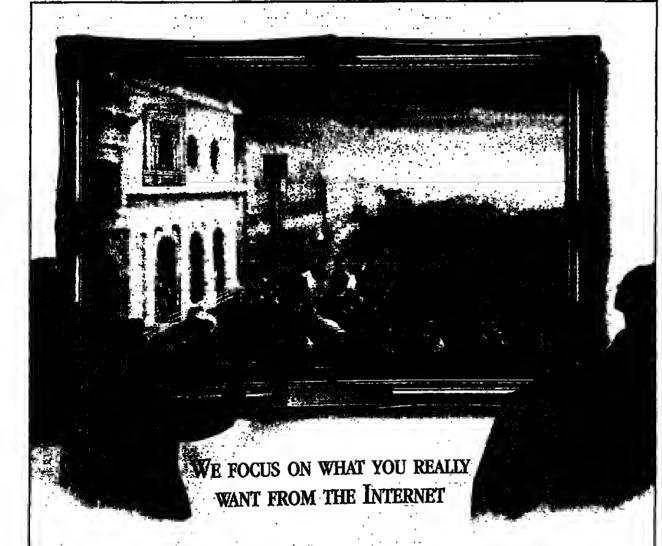
the President, and when. The chief-of-staff has secured his position by building a close alliance with Tatyana Dycurity services, Mikhail Bar- achenko, Mr Yeltsin's younger

that she and Mr Chubais are the only two oon-medical people with daily access to the President. Mr Chubais's new powers are causing coocern, oot least because he appears to be wielding umusual infinence over the once independent Russian television company NTV - which has late-

Chubais camp in the Kremlin. This week, Mr Yeltsin established a four-man council to oversee decisions during his ill-ness. It includes Mr Chubais and Mr Chernomyrdin, But this is unlikely to end claims that Mr Chubais and Tatyana are running what amounts to a regency.



Anatoly Chubais: Gaining



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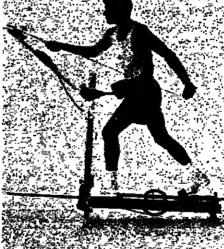
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Clinton enlists Nato to boost his image



Dole: Disagreements with

Campaign trail: President presents timetable for alliance expansion in foreign policy foray

Rupert Cornwell Washington

Setting out Washington's clearest timetable yet for Nato expansion, President Bill Clinton said yesterday that a first batch of countries from the former Eastern Europe should be fully fledged members of the aliance by 1999 at the latest.

In an address to inreign policy experts and community leaders in Detroit, Mr Clintoo insisted that the United States would be "safer and stronger" with enlargement. Nor would it pose any threat to non-members, he declared, in a new effort to defuse Russia's continuing misgivings about the scheme, which have led Moscow to threaten not to ratify the Salt-2 arms-reduction treaty if Nato was expanded closer to its borders.

finally set a firm target date for enlargement, choosing the year that marks the 50th anniversary of Nato's creation, and the 10th anniversary of the breach of the Berlin wall, the event which above all other symbolizes the end of the Cold War.

In his first real foreign policy foray of the presidential election campaign, Mr Clinton made it clear that after the initial entrants, other countries could join later: "Nato will remain open to all of Europe's emerging democracies who are ready to shoulder the respon-sibilities of membership." Nobody would he automatically excluded, he said.

The President did not name the countries likely to be formally invited to join at a summit next year, whose exact date will be set by a Nato ministerial meeting this December. But the first

group is expected to consist of Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, and possibly Slovenia. resurrecting the "old Bob Dole" of unsmiling political batchet-man and blurring the assiduously cultivated image of conciliatory and wise national leader. Mr Clintoo's goal vesterday was to project himself as a statesman above the campaign Such considerations, howev-

trail hurly-burly. But by 00 coer, did not prevent a scathing reincidence, he chose for the ansponse to Mr Clinton's proposal. The administration, nnuncement the industrial he said, "has been dragging its Midwest, home to many voters from East European ethnic feet on expansion". Not only groups who instinctively favour should negotiations with Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic begin at once with a 1998 deadline for entry, but the anything that protects their old homelands against Russia, and whn are always a factor to be alliance should give separate as-surances to the Baltic States and reckoned with in electorally pivotal states such as Michigan. Not that Mr Clinton needs to Ukraine. This was "particularly important given the ongoing instability in Russia". make a special pitch, if a new New York Times/CBS poll which

gives him a massive 24-point lead over his Republican challenger In fact, the Dole broadside obscures the fact that on most foreign policy issues, he has scarcely a serious difference Boh Dole, is anything to go by. Every sign is that Mr Dole's 11th-hour decision to attack Mr Clinwith the President. Both are free ton's character is backfiring. traders. Both seek to foster a

bind the former superpower rival closer to the Western democracies. Both are opposed to isolating China. Both favour a tough line on Fidel Castro's Cuba and Saddam Hussein's Iraq. Mr Dole backed the Dayton accords which brought a settlement to Bosnia, and has

outbid even Mr Clinton in ex-

pressions of support for Israel.

Nor would Mr Dole quarrel with the President's twin-track policy oo Nato, combining insistence that enlargement must go ahead whatever Russia's . feelings and strenuous efforts to make sure Moscow does not feel isolated or threatened. A mechanism should be set for regular Nato-Russia meetings "at all levels", Mr Clinton said. The foreign policy speech came oo another hectic day of fundraising and campaigning by

market economy in Russia, and Mr Clinton, which would end with another trip to Florida, a normally Republican state which the Democrats have high hopes of capturing in 1996.

With less than a fortnight to election day, the President is, if anything, widening his lead over Mr Dole, who now displays his old fault of inability to focus on any one issue for long. His campaign has acquired a random, scattershot feel, and its mood has not been improved by reports of disagreement with his

running mate, Jack Kemp.

According to reports, the supply-sider Mr Kemp has pleaded in vain with Mr Dole to concentrate on the Republican proposal of a 15 per cent across the board tax cut. Mr Dole's em-brace of the idea never rang true. These days, the plan rarely rates more than a perfunctory mention in his speeches.



The race is on for HK's new top job

Stephen Vines Hong Kong

After mooths of dithering, the shipping tycooo Tung Che-hwa has formally announced his candidacy for the post of Hong Koog Chief Executive, or head of the first post-colonial government. Mr Tung, 59, is believed to be China's favoured candidate although there are three other serious cootenders.

Being the richest man to run for this post, he appropriately hired the ballroom of one of the colony's expensive hotels last night to announce his candidacy and gave the vaguest of hints about his platform. It seems that this lacklustre contest is finally off to a start, although the electioo will only involve 400 members of an election committee hand-picked by Peking.

Mr Tung's rise to political though he was already wellknown in the shipping world and owns one of the largest lines, in-Container Line. The shipping company, founded by his father, was no the verge of bankrupt-

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largely by Henry Fok, the Hong Kong husinessman who is closest to the Chinese leadership. The rescue led to suggestions that the Tung family is in hock to Chinese interests. True or not, the Tungs have severed their previous close ties with China's hitter enemies in Taiwan.

Mr Tung was for a time oo the Governor's executive council. More receotly, China's President Jiang Zemin made a point of singling out Mr Tung for a warm greeting during a televised meeting in Peking. Such gestures are rarely without significance.

His main rival appears to be the marginally more popular Chief Justice Sir Tl Liang Yang, 67, who promises to give up his knighthood and British passport if elected. He hecame the first Chinese Chief Justice in 1988, hut his tenure was criticised for prominence has been swift, al- a lack of landmark judgments and for allowing the judiciary to become increasingly chaotic. However, he is a shrewd oper-

ing contacts with all sides. Yesterday, another leading judge eotered the race. He is Simon Li, 74, a former vice-pres ident of the Court of Appeal and a member of the Li clan, one of Hong Koog's most famous families. Since leaving the bench, Mr Li has become an increasingly vociferous supporter of many of the most hard-line positions adopted by China. Interestingly his daughter, Gladys Li, the chairwoman of the Bar Association, is one of China's most

articulate critics. The fourth of the serious contenders is the businessman Peter Woo, 50, who, in line with his American training, has been running the most professional of election campaigns, albeit nne which is strong on organisational skills and almost bereft of any policy commitments. Mr Woo is the son-in-law of Sir YK Pao, another of Hong Kong's

shipping tycoons. However, the most popular candidate is Anson Chan. Mrs Chan is the Chief Secretary, the number two official in the present colonial government, but China regards her as being too 'pro-British" for the top job. As most observers believe that the Chief Executive will be selected in Peking, the pretence of an election notwithstanding, this puts her out of the running.



Ortega cries foul over Nicaraguan elections

Phil Davison Managua

Six years ago, he cried in defeat. This time, he cried "fraud". The Nicaraguan Sandinista leader, Daniel Ortega, refused to accept his crushing defeat in Sunday's presidential election at the hands of conservative lawyer Arnoldo Aleman.

Mr Aleman, 50-year-old leader of the Liberal Alliance coalition, won 48.5 per ceot of the voic to Mr Ortega's 39 per cent, according to incomplete official results.

But eveo as the former United States President Jimmy Carter was saying that the elec-tions had been free and fair, Mr

Ortega, 50, summooed reporters to Sandinista headquarters to dispute the result. Looking stunned, standing with his wife behind him, Mr Ortega called for a recount in some areas. "Annul the vote. Viva Daniel," shouted about one hundred hardline supporters who suddenly appeared be-

hind the media representatives. "Unlike in 1990 (when he was defeated by conservative Violeta Chamorro), at this moment we cannot accept the result," he said. There were several annualies. In Matagalpa, compariog the official results with nur parallel count, we found 60,000 votes missing out of "We will continue fighting for the poor until the end," he concluded, to the cheers of his supporters. His remarks raise tensioo here after a voting day which had passed peacefully and was widely seeo as a sign of

Nicaragua's increasing political maturity. Politically, the defeat could mean the end of the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN), at least in its present form. Mr Ortega had already moved towards the centre during the campaign. Some analysts said that in refusing to accept the result, the Sandinista leader, soundly heaten for the second straight time, was playing the only card he had left - the abil-

ity to disrupt the government by keeping his supporters in a state of revolt

That could lead to a oew polarisation in Nicaragua, particularly if, as many here claim, Mr Aleman proves to be something of an admirer of the former dictator Anastasio Somoza.

Mr Aleman rejected Mr Ortega's claim and called him a bad loser. Even some moderate Sandinistas agreed, expressing embarrassment at the FSLN leader's stance at what has beeo seeo by most Nicaraguans as a time of reconciliation.

The party that came a distant third in the presidential race, the Nicaraguan Christian Path (CCN), also claimed fraud and

called for a totally new election. Mr Carter, however, heading an observer delegation from his Carter Centre in Atlanta and a European Unioo missioo of nbservers, dismissed the exis-tence of any significant fraud.

Mr Aleman's coalition was a reshuffled versioo of the United Nicaraguan Opposition (UNO), which Mrs Chamorro led successfully in 1990. She was widely criticised during her

tenure for failing to create jobs, economic growth and security. Many Nicaraguans hlamed continuing Sandinista influence in key positions, notably the army and the bureaucracy, for her perceived weak leadership. Mr Alcman, whose wife died

of cancer in the late Eighoes, has promised to create 100,000 jobs in his first year. From a welloff coffee-farming family, he had his property confiscated by the Sandinistas and spent six months in jail after someone accused him of being "couoter-revolutiooary". He has denied heing a follower of Somoza, ousted by the Sandinista revolution in 1979 and assassinated in exile a year later, but is said to have belonged to a pro-So-

moza youth movement. He has, however, admitted that he would like to recreate a baseball team called the Five Stars, which was renowned under Somoza but broke up during the revolution.



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Tide of refugees flees Zaire's battleground

Warfare between the army and ethnic Tutsi rebels threatens to engulf Central Africa. David Orr reports

Almost a quarter of a million Rwandan and Burundian refugees were on the road last night, as fighting continued in eastern Zaire. The Hutu refugees and disptaced Zaire-man said yesterday. ans were flooding towards the city of Bukavu in eastern Zaire, fleeing the fighting further south between soldiers and all the villages are empty of civilians as man said yesterday.

"The roads are blocked by rebels and all the villages are empty of civilians as man said yesterday. south between soldiers and Banyamulenge, who are ethnic

But at the same time the United Nations reported about 10,000 Hutu refugees were fleing Bukavu for fear of being attacked by Tutsi rebels fighting Zairean troops in the neigh-bouring town of Uvira. A UN spokeswoman said refugees from neighbouring camps were also takiog to the road in Bukavu, which is unaffected

Zairean army (FAZ) and the Banyamulenge heightens the risk of a major conflagration in ceotral Africa. Fuelled by political instability and ethnic strife, unrest is spreading like wildfire across the borders of Rwanda, Burundi and Zaire.

The refugees, mostly Rwan-dan Hutus who fled Rwanda after the Hutu-ted genocide of at least half a million Tutsis in 1994, have abandoned a dozeo camps around the Zairean town of Uvira. The UN evacuated 48 aid workers yesterday who had been trapped in the town.

A number of refugees are said to have died in attacks by the Banyamuleoge, Tutsis who moved to Zaire from Rwanda about 200 years ago. The Banyamulenge are unpopular in Zaire oo account of their relative prosperity.

"Some 221,000 refugees are the months-long absence of the months-long absence of President Mobum Sese Seko, estimated to be moving north-wards towards Bukavu", a UN

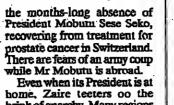
civilians and refugees are mov-ing into the hills. One Zairean soldier was killed and one wounded in an attack by unidentified gummen on a UNHCR base at the weekend.

Meanwhile, fighters from Rwanda are reported to have attacked FAZ positions near the Zairean town of Goma. The Tutsi-dnminated .Rwandan army has launched a number of attacks in response to incursions into Rwanda by Hutu militias the fighting. based in the refugee camps of castern Zaire. Receot skirmishes threaten to crupt into full-scale war. According to a re-cent UN report, the FAZ are backing the Hutu militias in their fight against the Rwandau regime which drove them into exile after the 1994 genocide.

Zaire says the Banyamulenge rebels are supported by Rwanda. There is growing evideoce that Tutsi militias from Burundi are also reinforcing the Banyamulenge rebels. Military sources say the FAZ are being resupplied with heavy weapons to respond to the attacks.

To defuse the growing tension, the UN has dispatched an envoy, Ibrahim Fall, to eastern Zaire. He is talking to the local authorities who this mouth gave the Banyamulenge an ultimatum to leave the country.

The situation in Zaire is rendered all the more volatile by



Even when its President is at home. Zaire teeters oo the brink of anarchy. Many regions virtually broken loose of central control. The ootorious ill-discipline of the Zairean army, the Banyamulenge insurgency and lethal cocktail of unrest in a regioo which is already unstable.

Almost three-quarters of a millioo exiled Rwandan Hutus live in the camps. Many took part in the massacres of Tutsis and moderate Hutus in Rwanda two years ago and despite the UNHCR's efforts, most refuse to return home for fear they will be subjected to Tintsi justice - or revenge. Rwanda's government knows there will be no peace in the region until refugees are repatriated. But the extremists in the camps have other ideas: a return to Rwanda by force.



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Kinkel: Striving for "non-confrontational" dialogue Kinkel goes fence-fixing

"After the rain, the skies cleared quickly," President Jiang Zemin

told the visiting German foreign minister. Dr Klaus Kinkel, yesterday. And with this poetic flourish, Sino-German relations were very officially back on

course. Mr Kinket bad been scheduled to visit Peking in July, un-til Peking cancelled the invitation in protest at a German parliameotary resolution attacking China over Tibet. Last night be dectared the cessful", and said that both sides considered the "misunderstanding" to he over. The commercial interests of China and Germany were almost "ide-ully dove-tailing", he added.

The question was, at what cost in terms of limiting criticism of China's human rights record, especially at a time when a leadespecially at a time when a leadiog dissident. Wang Dan, is
about to go on trial? Mr Kinkel
said he did not leave our "controversial issues" in his discussions with Mr Jiang and the
prime minister. Li Peog. But he
said that his human rights dialogge took place in an open but logue took place in an open but "non-confrontational manner". phraseology that was identical to that of the Chinese fireign ministry spokesman, Shen Guofaug, earlier in the day.

Mr Kinkel, visibly irritated by

the questioning from Peking-based foreign journalists, was asked what he could achieve through this approach. "I did what I was able to do, and what I was able to do, and what I consider to be right," he said. He would not say if the Chinese leaders had told him about Mr Wang's likely fate. "You will not receive any further information on this from me". Nor would be explain just how human rights questions could be raised in a non-confrontational" way.

On Monday Mr Kinkel said he had raised the case of Mr Wang and Wei Jingsheng, currently serving a 14-year senin his meeting with Qian

Qichen, the Chinese foreign

The unspoken truth was that China's swift response against Germany earlier in the year again demnnstrated how Peking's tolerance for Western pressure over human rights is at rock-bottom, even when it comes from a normally friendly source. Germany is China's biggest European trading part-oer, and last November Chancettor Helmut Kohl became the first Western foreign leader to visit the People's Liberation Army since the June 1989 crackdown. But China's leaders are oow confident that the world is desperate for contracts and that, at the end of the day, politicians will not jeopardise rusiness. The German president, Roman Herzog, will make a state visit to China oext

Mr Kinkel thus found himself in the usual no-win situation. Under criticism from opposition members in Germany, be had to convince outsiders that he had made an effort to raise human rights issues - especially Ti-bet - given the resolution in the lower house of parliament which accused China of trying to eradicate Tibet's cultural identity. But in China's present nationalist climate, it seems that nothing any foreign country says will have any effect on China's human rights behaviour. Mr Wang's trial and a heavy jail sentence are expected soon, after Mr Kinkel's departure but before the arrival of the US secretary of state, Warren Christo-

pher, next month. Mr Christopher's last visit to China, in Spring 1994, resulted in the detention of Mr Wei, because China's most famous dissident had the temerity to meet the visiting Secretary of State. With the forthcoming trial of Mr With the forthcoming trial of Mr Wang, the recent jailing of Liu Xiaobo, and the escape to America of Wang Xizhe, there are now no dissidents left at large for Mr Christopher to invite to dine, even if he were so

Bill Bedford

Bill Bedford was a pioneer test pilot in the field of vertical/short take-off and landing (V/STOL) aircraft, working at Hawkers and British Aerospace throughout the development that led to the Harrier.

Born at Loughborough in 1920 and educated at Loughhorough College School, A.W. "Bill" Bedford was serving an electrical and mechanical engineering appren-ticeship and training to be a

steeplejack when the Second World War broke out. He joined the RAF, and after flying training served in Fighter Command, initially as a sergeant pilot with 605 (County of Warwick) Squadron on the home front in 1941, flying Hurricanes; then with 135 Squadron from 1941 to 1944 on the home front and in Burma, India and Ceylon, flying Hawker Hurricanes and Republic Thunderbolts, and lastly with 65 Squadron in 1945 on the home front, on North American Mustangs. That year he joined Training Command as a Qualified Flying Instructor at Upavon, and

then as an Instructor, Instrument Rating Examiner until

After graduating from the Empire Flying School all-weather course, Bedford became a graduate and then a tutor at the Empire Test Pilots School. From 1950 to 1951 he served as a Ministry of Supply test pilot with Aero Flight at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough.

In 1951 he retired from the RAF as a flight lieutenant and joined Hawker Aircraft Ltd as an experimental test pilot. From 1956 until 1963 he was the company's chief test pilot, and then chief test pilot for Hawker Siddeley Aviation at Dunsfold from 1963 to 1967. He worked on the development of the Sea Hawk, the Hunter and the P1127, Kestrel and Harrier V/STOL aircraft, making the first flights of all of the last three

aircraft. The 36th anniversary of the first tethered hover of the P1127, the prototype of the world's first fully successful experimental V/STOL fighter, which he made with his leg



A Hawker P1127, the prototype of the Harrier jump-jet Photograph: PA

in plaster as the result of a motoring accident, fell on 21 for South East Asia. October.

Among many notable flights during this period were a London to Rome and return point-to-point world speed record, set in a Hunter T7 in 1956, and the first landing of a jet V/STOL aircraft on a ship, when he landed the P1127 on HMS Ark Royal on 8 February 1963.

A renowned international demonstration pilot and a lifetime crusader for enhanced safety in demonstration flying, Bedford evolved spin and recovery techniques for swept-wing aircraft. These were graphically demonstrated in public at the 1959 and 1960 Farnborough Air Displays, when he performed inverted spins of 12 or 13 turns in a Hunter two-seater, using coloured smoke to trace the pattern of his recovery in the

He claimed that, despite many crashes in aircraft, he had been injured only when travelling as a passenger in other people's cars. On 14 December 1961 he ejected successfully from a P1127 at ahout 200ft when it went out of control during an approach for a cautionary landing at Yeovilton. The aircraft de-molished an old black harn which the Royal Navy had been trying to have torn down

for many years.
From 1968 to 1978 Bedford
was the Sales Manager of
Hawker Siddeley Aviation, and he then hecame Divisional Marketing Manager for British Aerospace until 1983. Finally he was the com-

pany's Regional Executive

When he retired in 1986 he took up aerospace consultancy, lecturing and afterdinner speaking. He was a passionate believer in and promoter of the Harrier and the supersonic STOVL strike fighter for the year 2000 plus.

Bedford was also an accomplished sailplane pilot, heing the first UK holder of the International Gold "C" with two diamonds. He held the British and UK national gliding records for distance and goal flights of 257 miles, and an altitude record of 21,340ft (19,120ft gain of height).

An approved Air Registration Board glider test pilot, he was awarded the British Gliding Association's de Havilland Trophy (twice). Manio Trophy and Wakefield Trophy (1950-51).
Outside the cockpit, Bill

Bedford was Chairman and Founder Memher of the Royal Aeronautical Society's Test Pilots' Group (1964-66); a Member of the SBAC Test Pilots' Society (1956-67); and a Fellow of the US Society of Experimental Test Pilots. He was also deeply involved in lo-cal life in his home town of Esher, Snrrey, and had been elected Esher Citizen of the Year for 1995-96.

Philip Jarrett

Alfred William Bedford, pilot: born 18 November 1920; AFC 1945; OBE 1961; married 1941 Mary Averill (one son and one daughter deceased); died 20



Roy Guest

For a brief while in the Fifties, Roy Guest gave the 16thcentury Scots word "howff" back to the English language as a meeting place for songs and good company.

He always described himself as an impresario, and while he was much much more than that, the rather archaic term was a good description of this almost Orson Wellesian, rolypoly man who left his mark on the hurgeoning folk revival in ways that his successors have probably never realised.

His was a generation which Edinburgh to read Anthropolfelt the need to reinvent itself ogy and Psychology that he along traditional lines, so while made his real mark, when he he was actually boro in Izmir. Turkey, he always claimed to he a Welshman (he was brought up in Ebbw Vale), and made much of songs in his repertoire like "Cosher Bailey's Engine".

panache when he was running his "Roy's Guest Night" concerts at the Purcell Room on the South Bank in the Sixties.

He had first picked up the guitar when teaching at A.S. Neill's pioneering "free school" Summerhill in Suffolk. To be frank, he was never a great singer, though his eight albums for the budget Saga label in the early Sixties were snapped up eagerly by those in search of repertoire, always hard to come by in those days. It was when he went to

opened the first of what were to be three Howffs, in collaboration with Jim Haynes of the Traverse Theatre. More than a folk club, certainly not a nightclub, but a hit of both with which he sang with great something of a family sing-

song thrown in for good measure, the Howff was a unique venture which came at exactly the right time for the hurgeoning Scottish folk scene, and owed a great deal to the warmth and surprisingly avun-

cular manner (for one so

in a back room and count the takings, and indeed it wasn't about money at all - which is possibly why, ultimately, the three Howfis he ran failed to sustain themselves.

My most lasting memory of the late Sandy Denny, for in-London Howff in Primrose Hill, a crowd jam-packed close to ber grand piano, intimate surroundings that fostered a depth of communication that I never heard from her hefore or after.

Giuseppe had little formal education, having left school at

Il, but he had the entrepre-

neur's gift for clear, simple

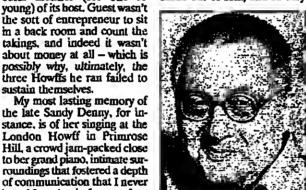
ideas as well as the passion of

an inveterate collector - he

kepi every copy of the daily

was Guest's genius that creat-ed that kind of artistic ambience, bringing the best out of his

Those were the days when the music business thought



in her tragically hrief life. It Guest held folk Howffs

Guest must have seemed a natural recruit to organisations like Harold Davison and NEMS, Brian Epstein's spin-off from his Beatles empire. When I asked him how he was getting

there might be money to be on with Harold Davison, be told me wryly, "Every time we meet he asks me if we're making any made out of folk, and so Roy

money yet." No doubt his hig-name promotions, with people like Joan Baez, Benny Goodman, The Who, Led Zeppelin, and Paul Simon made enough to satisfy his bosses, but he displayed his true forte with the Pop Proms, a boundary-crossing series of and the Ronndhouse, which incidentally played a significant role in making the folk rock of Fairport Convention acceptable outside the confines of

the folk scene. When the Grade organisa-

tion took over the Harold Davison agency in 1965, Guest was invited to join the English Folk Dance and Song Society to set up an agency and information service for folk singers. He followed this with his own business, Folk Directions, which he ran from the building next door to the EFDSS headquarters at Cecil Sharp House, with Jim Lloyd, now presenter of BBC radio's Folk on Two programme.

Despite organising some ex-cellent folk festivals at Croydon's Fairfield Halls in the 1980s, be became somewhat dis-. enchanted with music and moved to Faversham, in Kent. There he took an interest in local politics, and stood as an independent candidate in the local elections in May 1996. He also returned to his first love. the theatre, and hecame chair of the local Arden

Theatre Group. He had, after all, initially trained at the Central School of Speech and Drama (before going to Edinburgh), forming a touring company in his vacations which included Judy Dench and lan Hendry. On graduation, he had acted in repertory in Ipswich

and Bromley.

In the end, though, regardless of his maverick nature and his various talents, from psychotherapy to trying to pene-trate neo-Nazi groups in the reunited Germany, Roy Guest's real achievement was his life, in all its resticss, multi-faceted, multi-coloured extravagance.

Karl Dallas

Roy Guest, folk singer and promoter: born Izmir, Turkey 13 March 1934; married three times (one daughter); died Faversham, Kent 23 September 1996.

Giuseppe Panini

Cast your mind back to the days that the cards, which started off of running around the school playground during morning hreak and you will almost certainly know who Giuseppe Panini was, or at least what he was all about. More than two generations of boys in short trousers can thank him for countless hours of obsessive, if ultimately mindless, fun collecting and swapping those card-sized photographs of football players that ended up in jealously guarded team or might have expected to progress league albums piled up somewhere near the Scalextric track

as glue and paste jobs in the 1960s before evolving into more user-friendly stickers, should have been developed in a football-mad country like Italy. More remarkable is the fact that they were the bedrock of a vast international husiness empire run hy just one man.

Giuseppe Panini came from the humblest of origins, a working-class family from the north Italian town of Modena, and no further than the main newsstand near the cathedral which his family won the license to It is perhaps unsurprising operate in the early 1950s.

sports newspaper Gamena del-Sport going back to 1929. While working at the news-stand he noticed the portrait cards that various publishers dis-tributed with their papers and magazines, and hit upon two

novel ideas. The first was to apply the cards to the football craze that he himself shared with the rest of postwar Italy, and the second

omposer, 1818; Robert Seymour

was to distribute them in packs of five or six together with albums, thus encouraging his customers to keep huying and at the same time get their friends hooked through the frenzied system of swaps that soon grew up.

Like so many successful Italian businessmen, he struck a deep vein in the national culture and then marketed it through clever packaging (the cards were clearly modelled, at first, on the pocket-sized images of saints that have always been popular in Italy as lucky charms]. And, like so many others, he made his family the

his two brothers, four sisters and, over the years, any number of oephews and nieces. The first cards, often rather grainy, out-of-focus affairs, ap-

peared in 1961. By 1986, the ousiness had grown into a major international success story with a turnover of 100 million dollars a year and had expanded beyond football to include figures from television series and Hollywood movies.

Giuseppe Panini hardly fits the model of the international tycoon, though, remaining faithful to his Modenese origins and retaining a thick local ac-

core of the husiness, employing cent. He became godfather to the local volleyball team, his other abiding sports passion, and even opened a restaurant to showcase the local specialities, tortelloni and Lambrusco

In the interests of a quieter life, he actually sold the core husiness to Robert Maxwell in 1989, a disastrous decision that almost pushed a thriving concern into bankruptcy. The Italian publishing company De Agostini hailed it out on Maxwell's death two years later, and it is now in the hands of

the US group Marvel. Andrew Gambel



Giuseppe Panini, businessman born Pozza di Maranello, Italy 1921; married (three children); Modena 18 October

Marion Burgner

Marion Burgner was an exceptionally astute psychoanalytic clinician and a gifted therapist who was associated with the work of the Anna Freud Centre for more than 25 years.

The centre was established by Anna Freud (Sigmund Freud's youngest daughter) in 1948 as the Hampstead Child Therapy Clinic, in response to the demand for greater expertise in the field of child mental health and the treatment of childhood disorders. In 1984 it was renamed the Anna Freud Centre to commemorate its founder. Marion Burgner treated many children and adoles-cents there. She also taught and undertook research in child development as well as being Head of Clinical Training for

many years. In addition, during the 1970s and 1980s, she worked at the Brent Consultation Centre's walk-in service and became particularly involved in research into adolescent breakdown. She also saw patients for psyalso saw patients for psy-chotherapy at the Department of Psychological Medicine at University College Hospital, and supervised and taught medical students and junior doctors. More recently, she worked with HIV/AIDS patients at the Tavi-

stock Clinic.

Born Marion Chasek into a
Russian Jewish immigrant family, she spent her childhood in
East London, and won scholarships to both grammar school and London University. She studied part-time at Birkbeck College, and obtained an hon-ours degree in English while continuing to work full time.

Subsequently she also qualified in psychology.

She was accepted for training in psychoanalytic child psychotherapy at the then Hampstead Clinic, and qualified as an adult psychoanalyst at the British Psycho-Analytic In-stitute in 1976. Since then, besides her commitments in the public sector, she devoted time to her private practice, becoming a much sought-after train-

ing analyst. In the mid-Sixties, she helped edit the correspondence be-tween Sigmund Freud and Karl Abraham, who was ber husband's uncle by marriage. She produced a number of seminal papers for professional journals, either alone, or with others, especially her co-worker, Rose Edgcumbe. Her prose was elegant and incisive, reflecting a deep love of the English language. She was recently commissioned by the Contemporary Freudian analysts of the British Psycho-Analytical Society lo compile a book looking at the psychoanalytic view of the development through the life cycle. She had already written a comprehensive introduction and chosen papers for inclusion when her illness suddely struck.

Marion Burgner was a vivacious, courageous and determined person, with a prickly crust which hid a deep sensitivity and capacity for friendship. She had a wonderfully dry sense of humour, an exceptionally sharp mind and a love of life. The discovery that she had cancer, some months ago, initially filled her with outrage and despair, but she showed enormous courage and dignity in the face of the mevitable.

Anne-Marie Sandler

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Marion Chasek, psychoanalyst: born London 24 June 1930: married 1958 Tom Burgner (two sons); died London I October,

Births. Marriages & Deaths

DEATHS

BLACKETT-ORD. John Christopher Llock), peacefully on 21 October, ages 78 years. Funeral at Holy Trining Church, Whitfield at 2,3tpm on Mon day 28 October. Family flowers only nEACON: Beatrice Effie (Fifi), late o Much Wenlock, on 16 October 1996 aged 83 years. Much kwed wife of the late Vic, dear mother of Jenniter, and grandmother of Fiona and Tim Funeral service and cremation Em-strey Crematorium. Shrewsbury, Shropshire on Monday 28 October. 11. Clam. Family flowers only. Dona sons if desired to Alzheimers Scot land. Donations and enquiries to WJ, Northwood & Sons, 52 High St, Much Wenlock, Shropshite 01952 727248.

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ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

The Oueco opens Parliament and atte to mark the amalgamation of the Forces' Help Society and Lord Rober orleshops, at St James's Palace. Prince Margaret attends the State Opening of Par-liament. The Duke and Duchess of attend the State Opening of

Changing of the Guord The Household Cavalry Mounted Regi-ment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards. I fam: 1st Battalion The Royal Regiment of Wales mounts the

Marriages Mr J.F. Payton

and Miss S.C. Jouhning The marriage took place on Saturday 19 October at Bracknell between Mr Jean François Payton, son of Mr and Mrs Edward Payton, of Waven-don, Million Keynes, and Susanna Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Jouhning of St Peter Port,

Birthdays Professor Graeme Barker, head of

the School of Archaeological Stud-ies, Leicester University, 50; Mr Johnny Carson, television presenter, 71; Major Edwina Coven, HM Lieutenant, City of London, 75; Sir John Craven, chairman, Morgan Grenfell, 56; Miss Maggi Hambling, artist, 51; Lord Hunt of Tanworth, former secretary of the Cabinet, 77; Sir Archie Lamb, former diplomat, 75; Professor Sir Frank Lawton, Emeritus Professor of Operative Surgery, Liverpool University, 81; Mr Iverach Me-Donald, former Associate Editor, the Times, SS; Pele, footballer, 56; Lord Remnant, banker and accountant, 66; Sir Ralph Riley, former deputy chairman, Agriculture and Food Research Council, 72, Mr Gerry Robinson, chief executive, Granada, 48; Miss Anita Roddick, founder and chief executive, The Body Shop, 54: Mr George Rylands CH, Shake-spearean scholar, 94; The Earl of Shannon, former deputy speaker, House of Lords, 72; Baroness Trumpington, Baroness in Waiting, 74; Baroness Young, former minister of state, Foreign Office, 70.

Anniversaries

Rieths: Jumes Ward, animal painter. 1769, Pierre-Athanase Larousse, lex-

Bridges, poet, t844; Jean Louis Forain, painter and illustrator, 1852; Douglas Robert Jardine, cricketer, 1900; Felix Bloch, physicist, 1905; Di-ana Dors (Diana Fluck), film actress, 1931. Deaths: Marcus Junius Brutus committed suicide, 42 BC; William Gilbert Grace, cricketer, 1915; John Boyd Dunlop, inventor of the pncumatic rubber tyre, 1921; Zane Grey, novelist of the American West, 1939; Al Jolson (Asa Yoelson), singer and Al Joison (Asa Yoelson), singer and actor, 1950; Reg Butler (Reginald Cotterell B.), metal sculptor, 1981. On this day: the second Battle of Philippi was fought, 42 BC; both Royalists and Parliamentarians claimed victory at the Battle of Edgenill, 1642; the first parliament of Great Britain met, 1707; Hector Munro defeated the Nabob of Oudh in Bengal, 1764; Borodio's opera Prince Igor was first produced, Petrograd, 1990; in the US, 25,000 women paraded in New York to demonstrate in favour of women's suffrage, 1915; the Battle of Ca-poretto was fought, 1917; the second Battle of El Alameia started, and ended the following day, 1942; Russian forces invaded East Prussia, 1944; the Soviet army advanced through Hungary, 1944; the United Nations General Assembly met for the first time, New York, 1946; Britain, France, the US and the USSR agreed to end the occupation of Germany, 1954; the Hungarian revolt against Soviet leadership began, 1956; George Blake, serving a 12-year sentence for espionage, escaped from Wormwood Scrubs prison, 1966; at Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah, Gary Gabelich in Blue Flame made the world land speed record of 631.367 mph, 1970, Today is the Fenst Day of St Allucio, St Elifeda or Ethelifeda, St Ignatius of Constantinople, St John of

icographer and encyclopaedist, t817; Karl Severin Meister, organist and Capistrano, St Romanus of Rouen Severious or Seurin of Bordeaux Severinus Boethius and Si

Lectures

National Gallery: Tim Markow, "Poter Blake (iv): sex & bugs & rock & roll", tpm.
Tate Gallery: Francis Haskell, "Some

unexplained consequences of the Grand Tour", 6.30pm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Samantha Clutten, "The Morris Gamble and Poynter rooms: cheme of design for the V&A in the 1860s", 2.30pm.

Dinners

Hong Kong Trade Development Council

Dr Victor K. Fung, Chairman, Hong Kong Trade Development Council, was the bost at a dinner held yesterday evening at the Dorchester Hotel, London W1. Mr Christopher Patten, Governor of Hong Kong, was

Royal Society of

Medicine Professor Roger Clarke last night de-livered the Ellison-Clarke Lecture, "Managing Radiation Risk", at the Royal Society of Medicine, London. Sir Christopher Paine, accompanied by Lady Paine, received the guests at supper held afterwards in the Soci-cty's House. Professor Sir Michael Rutter was presented with the Honorary Fellowship of the Society Among those present were:

Six Gorden and Lasty Weissenholme, Lord and Sar George and Lasy visuamentme, tare and Lady Walton of Derelman; Ser Christopher Booth, Sir Duvid and Lady Innes Williams; Sir George and Lady Pasters, Dr Carice Eli-son: Dame Fiona Caldicott, and Lady Ruiter.

Sperm cannot be used without donor's consent

Regina v Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, ex parte Blood; Family Division (Sir

Stephen Brown, President) 17 October 1996 Without the written consent of

the donor, sperm taken from a deceased donor shortly before his death could not lawfully be used for the artificial insemination of his wife. Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division, dismissed an application by Mrs Diane Blood for judicial review

of a decision by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority not to release sperm obtained from her deceased husband before his death to enable her to be artificially inseminated, because her husband had not given his written consent to such a procedure. Lord Lester of Herne Hill QC and Michael Fonlham (Laytons) for the applicant, David Parnick QC and Dinah Rose (Morgan Bruce, Cardiff) for

Sir Stephen Brown said the applicant, now 30, married her husband Stephen in 1991, following a nine year courtship. They lived a happy married life and greatly wished to have a family. They had a normal sex life. Towards the end of 1994 they began actively trying to have a child. But in February plied with. Schedule 3 was was a joint enterprise having re-

LAW REPORT

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1995 tragedy struck. Stephen was admitted to hospital with suspected meningitis. His condition rapidly deteriorated. The applicant raised with the doctors the question of taking a sperm sample from her husband. Two samples were taken before he was certified clinically dead. He had been in a coma throughout. The applicant now wished to be artificially inseminated with her late hushand's sperm in order to

produce a child. The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 was passed to regulate the procedures of human fertilisation and the storage and use of human embryos and gametes (sperm). For this purpose it established the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, whose responsibilities included operating a licensing scheme, maintaining a code of

practice and issuing directions. The Act provided by section 4(1) that no person should store gametes or use sperm in the treatment of any woman except under licence. By section 12 it was a condition of every licence granted that the provisions of Schedule 3 were com-

entitled "Consents to use of gametes or embryos" and provided by paragraph 1 that to be effective such consent "must be given in writing". Paragraph 5 provided:

(1) A person's gametes must not be used for the purposes of treatment services unless there is an effective consent by that person to their being so used and they are used in accordance with the terms of the consent. (2) A person's gametes must not be received for use for these purposes unless there is an effective consent by that person to their being so used. [3] This paragraph does not apply to the use of a person's ga-metes for the purpose of that person, or that person and another together, receiving treatment

The applicant's husband had not given written consent and was in no position to do so, heing unconscious. The Authority therefore considered that the storage and use in treatment of his sperm in the Unit-

ed Kingdom would be illegal. The applicant relied on the exception in paragraph 5(3) of Schedule 3, claiming that she and her husband were "together receiving treatment services". Although her husband died before insemination could take place, nevertheless there

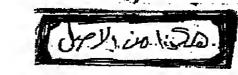
gard to the fact that the sperm was taken from his unconscious body in her presence and that they had discussed their intention and desire to have a child and had specifically addressed the possibility of posthumous artificial

insemination. His Lordship was unable to accede to this submission. Unhappily there was no opportunity to commence treatment whilst the husband was conscious and aware of events taking place. The taking of the sperm samples was in fact a unilateral act undertaken at the wish of the applicant herself. No doubt she acted in complete good faith believing she was furthering the wishes of her husband as well as of herself.

It was no doubt because the whole field of artificial insemination with sperm obtained from a man who subsequently died was so highly sensitive and ethically controversial that the Act permitted no element of discretion on the Authority's part. The application in respect of treatment in the UK ac-

cordingly failed. His Lordship also rejected the applicant's contentions that the Authority acted unlawfully in refusing to allow her to

have the treatment abroad. Paul Magrath, Barrister



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the leader page

Europe finds a role in the Middle East

orty years ago, Britain and France launched a joint endeav-our in the Middle East. The sult was the Suez affair, a débacle which did severe damage to the interests of both states in the Arab world, and which set Paris and London on sep-Parate and divergent foreign policy paths. Britain saw its future in a secure alliance with the United States; France set out to secure its own role in the world. The other principal result of Suez was that both states lost influence in the Middle East, leaving the United States of America the undisputed dominant Western power.

Now there is a chance that Europe can start to recover a role in the Middle East. The uncertain focus of the United States, growing convergence between Paris and London and the desire of Arab states for a counterweight to Washington all point in the same direction. But this will only work if the Europeans can overcome their own internal divisions; and that means London and Paris working in tandem once more.

Jacques Chirac's visit to the Middle East is a concrete demonstration of the I will in France to reassert Europe's role. Malcolm Rifkind will go out next month. Both Britain and France feel that at a time when the Middle East peace process is in such a desperately poor condition, when the United States seems to have its eye off the ball, when

the Arabs seem to be friendless, there is an open door,

The United States is (to put it politely) ambivalent about the Europeans intervening in the Middle East. As we recorded yesterday, Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, has sent a snotty letter to the French,

warning them off.

It is true that the European Union's past attempts to put itself forward as a regional partner have been largely unsuccessful, even embarrassing at times. At the Madrid peace conference in 1992 delegates were presented with the unedifying spectacle of a senior EU commissioner edging his chair across the floor in an attempt to get a seat at the table. James Baker, the US Secretary of State, told him in no uncertain terms that he had enough to deal with in the world without the Europeans.

But if the EU's political efforts have come to little, the economic and finan-cial influence of the EU in the region is considerable. It is partly this which means that, come what may, Europe's political weight is bound to increase. It is just a question of how that materialises, and to what end it is put.

There are other trends that mean that Europe will play a larger role. The lack of focus in the United States is not just a temporary, election-related phenomenon; a coherent, long-term foreign policy is harder to maintain now that the Cold War is over. The solidity reliable and resourceful ally for Dam- unseemly squabbling between the

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of the pro-Israel lobby in the US has ascus (if it ever was); hence the great been badly dented by the election of Benjamin Netanyahu, and automatic US support for Israel is a thing of the

In any case, the rapid changes in the international environment over the past decade have conspired to create a vacuum in the Middle East. Once, the Soviet Union was the counterweight to American power in the region. Russia's forays into the Middle East were not notably successful and they largely came to a halt with the end of the Soviet Union. Moscow is no longer a warmth with which Jacques Chirac was welcomed when he arrived.

The post-Suez American hegemony in the Middle East was always bound to be a temporary phenomenon. Europe and the Middle East are neighbours, and Europe has significant interests in seeing peace take root on the other side of the Mediterranean, just as Middle Eastern states (including Israel) have a strong interest in open markets in Europe.

Hitherto, one obstacle to a successful European role has been the rather

Europeans themselves. Both the British and French foreign services believe that they have a historical role to play in the Arab world, though sadly it is not the same historical role.

Britain, despite the retreat from East of Suez in 1971, still exercises a residual political and military role in the region. It has close ties with Israel and with several of the Arab states, notably Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states. It sees itself as playing a balancing role, neither pro-Arab nor pro-Israeli. France has kept close relations with its former colonial possessions, notably Syria and Lebanon, as well as its links with the Maghreb countries. It believes it can be a counterweight to the US, and tends to lean in favour of the Arab states.

Several factors have combined to erode, if not erase, these Anglo-French tensions. France is on its way back into Nato; Britain is distinctly less servile to the Americans than it used to be. Europe, too, is getting its act together, and a new plan for joint foreign policy is one of the few suggestions that Britain can accept in the draft treaty on European Union being discussed in Brussels. London and Paris work together far more closely on intelligence-sharing, counter-terrorism and military matters. But the two still compete against each other for arms contracts, oil and influence.

That is an argument for more co-

ordination, and the EU is the place to do that. Nor can either France or Britain ignore the interests and desires of Germany, the EU's paymaster and a state with its own emergent policies in the Middle East. Next week, foreign ministers meet in Luxembourg to discuss the Middle East again. One of the proposals on the table is to appoint a Middle East peace envoy, a high-profile European chosen to represent European views. It is a good, and timely idea.

Don't look to the past, Manchester

The compension for a new city centre for Manchester is under way. One of the enduring puzzles of post-war Britain is our failure to build a new city centre that doesn't look dreadful. From Dundee to Plymouth, city dwellers have endured gouged-out highways, multistorey car parks and identical parades of concrete chainstores. The North and Midlands suffered particularly badly. So whatever you do, Manchester, don't rush it. This is your chance to show the rest of Britain the way. At the end of the century there is no reason why we cannot start building truly beautiful city centres once more. Build it green, build it fine, build it special.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Rise of regions underpins need for EMU

Sir: You have done a public service with your contribution to the EMU dehate ("EMU: an in-formed leap in the dark", 21 October). But there is one aspect that you underestimate, and that is the

Looking beyond the short term, the European Union is likely to move towards a Europe of the regions, rather than of the nation states. This has two consequences. Firstly, it places in context the argument against EMU of needing

o retain the devaluation option. There is a core area of wellperforming economies which do not observe national boundaries, and an outer area which needs context, the devaluation of a national currency is too crude a mechaoism; if it was right for, say, the Highlands and Merseyside, it would overheat the South-east of England. The same argument holds good for Italy. So the logic on this point is EMU supported by strong regional policies. Secondly, it impinges upon the

debate on democracy. Notwithstanding the linguistic perversions of the present British government, the rest of the European Union by its support of deduralism means decentralisation and subsidiarity.

For the present British government, subsidiarity is seen as asserting the rights of nation states against European institutions, but that is where it stops. The present government has been one of the most centralising in history. emasculating local authorities and denying democratic institutions to the nations and reginns of the UK. The UK is the only member state of the European Union where the constitutional status of local government is so weak that it is incligible to accede to the European Charter of Local Self Government.
PITILIP GOLDENBERG Prospective Liberal Democrat Parliamentary Candidate for Woking

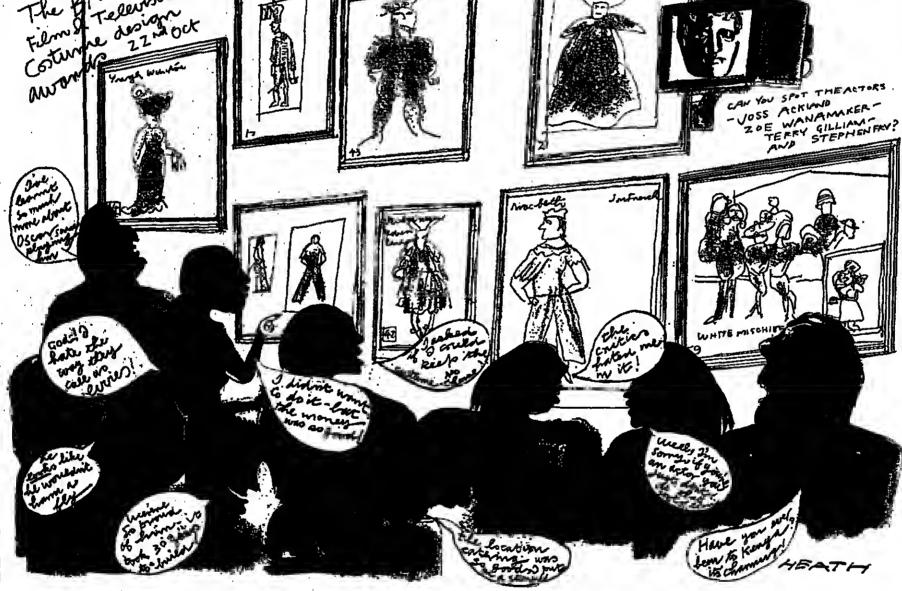
tloking Surrey Sir: Your leader on EMU ends by demanding political reform of the European Uning before considering British participation in the single currency.

This is one of the principal objectives of the current intergovernmental conference, which is due to end next year, well hefore any final decisions on EMU

will be required. Proposals for democratic reform being considered include increased powers for the Enropean Parliament over the secretive decisions of the Council of Ministers, greater control over the Commission, as well as entrenching the principle of subsidiarity in a new treaty. All these would provide the necessary political reforms which your leader demands.

The only problem is that the UK government, almost alone, opposes all these measures. This probably means that our partners, as recently suggested by the German and French foreign ministers, will go ahead without us. ERNEST WISTRICH London NW3

Sir: You are right to say that the British people face decision time on the single currency, but making your mind up is only half the equation - how are voters to express their choice? As things stand, they can't. Labour won't say



what its position is. The Tories may or may not sign up for a single currency; they may or may not offer voters a referendum. And the Referendum Party offers people a say on Britain's membership of the European Union – a choice most voters have long since made, in Europe's favour.

That leaves the Liberal Democrats. Agree or disagree with Democrats. Agree or disagree with our policies on Europe – at least they are clear-cut and based upon a firm commitment to a referendum on any major constitutional reform proposed in Europe. If the other parties wish to debate the question of Europe and the single currency—they say they do—then they must explain how they will let voters give their verdict. GRAHAM WATSON MEP (Somerset & North Devon, Lib Dem)

Sir: Sir James Goldsmith has just hlown £20m. I attended Saturday's conference of the Referendum Party and watched speaker after speaker ruin his party's chances of obtaining a referendam on Europe by reminding us of how Britain had won two world wars to defend our sovereignty and stating that they were ready to fight

"the enemy" again. Had the Referendum Party concentrated on what it originally claimed to be, a balanced representation of the British people seeking a referendum which would promote an honest debate about European integration, it could have perhaps obtained its objectives. Instead, it took the short step it required to become the "anti-Europe" party and in one disastrous day alienated thousands of potential supporters.

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Unease over widow's fight

Sir: Whilst there can only be the most heartfelt sympathy for the tragic loss of a young husband, as in the case of Diane Blood ("We planned a baby before he died. I want that back, 18 October), one deeply worrying aspect of such a case seems not to have been

with dignity? Would Mr Blood, or any man, really wish that, alone in his unconsciousness, unknowing, helpless, totally vulnerable and close to death, his body was being intimately invaded and raided of that which is supposed to be donated as the ultimate act of love -not by the mechanical manipulation of a stranger. Am I alone in being deeply uneasy? FELICITY ARBUTHNOT London E9

Sir. The argument for the end of secrecy about adoption has been won ("Secrets and lies keep families in the dark", 18 October). The practice of pretending someone else's child was biologically your own, simply because you were bringing them up (and loving them to bits) is well discredited.

Anyone now adopting has a good understanding that the child they are taking on will have every right in the future to seek out their biological parents and make what relationship they will with them. The argument for the end of secrecy about surrogacy has yet to

be fought. It amazes me that with all the debate, the future problems of the children of "egg donor and/o mixed sperm syringe conceptions", and their search for identity and roots, are not even being discussed.

To the best of my knowledge, no preparations are being made for the inevitable desire of the children of such conceptions to find out their biological origins, to meet their egg donor mothers, their halfsiblings, their sperm-donor fathers and their other relatives (grandparents, aunts, uncles, half-cousins), or to deal with and fund the therapy/counselling needs. EILEEN MARISE LAVIN London NW2

Pharmacy price free-for-all

Sir: Glenda Cooper's report ("Prices to fall in free-for-all at the pharmacy", 19 October) about the possible abolition of resale price maintenance contained a table titled "Big savings in store for customers". Alas, this table had no place within the arguments pul forward.

It compared prices of branded products with a supermarket's ownlabel equivalents. However, ownlabel equivalents have been available for many years (in local pharmacies, too), and the potential big savings implied already exist. The savings will come if branded

products drop in price; the difference between branded and own-label goods has nothing to do with the RPM issue. If RPM does go, it will undoubtedly mean savings on branded goods - but only coppers. The implications for those who rely on pharmacy services could be far more costly. SELWYN LEARNER

Mother fears modified soya

Sir: It is only in the last few weeks, now that genetically modified soya is on nur doorsteps, that I have seen or heard any detailed discussion of this issue in the media ("The chicken and tomato problem", 21 October).

I cannot understand why, in view

of the concern in the scientific world, no one has organised a campaign to persuade UK
government departments and hulk
buyers of soya products that they
should insist that the American Soybean Association allow us to choose whether or not we eat this product and feed it to our children To many people, the question whether or not to eat genetically modified products is simply a lifestyle choice, but for some it has the potential to be a matter of life

We are all aware of the potentially fatal anaphylactic response some people have to traces of nut but it is possible to react just as violently to other everyday foods such as cows' milk products, eggs and soya. My young son has a severe allergy to all dairy products and

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protein but I am very concerned that his immune system may react to the protein in the modified soya. MIS CA HAYMAN Wimborne, Dorset

Lawless Surrey Sir: I have read with some amusement the correspondence about "rural" Surrey and I recall the comments of Sherlock Holmes in The Copper Beeches nn the "dear little homesteads" of the Surrey/Hampshire zone: "They always fill me with a certain horror .. look at these lonely houses, each in its own fields, filled for the most part with poor ignorant folk who know little of the law." PETER SMITH

Cheap labour

Sir: Walter Greenwood's novel Love on the Dole (1933) is more instructive about apprenticeship schemes than Ann Treneman's article "Nothing for something -the Nineties way" (17 October). One of the characters points out that the "apprentice racket" was a way for employers to get cheap labour. Apprentices were taught nothing during their seven-year apprenticeship, because though called engineers they were only machine-minders.
ALEXANDER CHABLO

State opening, the democratic way

Sir: lan Hamiltno is right to point out the absurdity of the Queen's Speech ("Why is Black Rod the only black here?", 22 October).

It says a great deal about Britain's half-formed democracy that the state opening of our Parliament is performed by an unelected manarch in front of uncleated peers, with the lowly elected MPs jostling for a view at the hack of the room. Richard Crossman described the scene as what the real Ruritania would look like"

A modern democracy should banish such mock-feudal n tual. The opening lines of each paragraph of the speech "My government will ..." implies that we only have a parliament at all thanks to the generosity of the Crown, rather than centuries of reform and progress.

The suggestion I make in my Fabian Society paniphlet Long to Reign Over Us is that the state opening of Parliament should be a celebration of democracy, not monarchy, and be conducted in the laws will be debated.

The speech outlining the Government's programme should be delivered by the Speaker of the House. Such a state opening need not lose any of the ceremonial splendour: the position of Speaker

is established and respected.

The start of the parliamentary session should not be weighed down with deference and ancestor worship. It is time for Parliament to PAUL RICHARDS London W6

Sir: As a Briton born of Asian parents, who has lived in both England and Scotland, I find that it is in Scotland that I am made to feel unwelcome. Where do black Scots fit in with Scottish Nationalism? How many black faces were there at the recent Scottish National Party convention? Where do we fit in with all the dressing-up in kilts and wearing clan tartans that some Scots seem to think are the be-all and end-all of their national identity? GURCHARAN SINGH St Andrews, Fife

Unfair to George

Sir: Andrew Graham-Dixnn's implied criticism of George III as a monarch who did not care much for painting" is hardly fair in view of that king's constant patronage of artists and purchase of Consul Smith's magnificent Italian collection. ("Traces of greatness". 22 October)

George III founded the Royal Academy, paying for initial expenses out of his privy purse. After 1777 he ordered the return of the Raphael cartoons from the "obscurity" of Buckingham Palace to the Wren Gallery at Hampton Court, and they have remained on public display almost ever since. JENNIFER MILLER London SW15

Courtesy cars

Sir: It would be a good idea for cars to have horns making at least two different sounds - there is no way at present for horns to say a courteous "excuse me". In these days of "road rage", this might cootribute to lowering dangerous temperatures. NICK HALSTED London NWS

South Africa buries its past

Disputes over moral and criminal guilt for the brutalities of apartheid are testing the country's quest for reconciliation. Meanwhile the victims' families wait for justice. Mary Braid reports

he beinous confessions of five senior colonel and brigadier - to involvement in 40 apartheid-era murders and atrocities was this week hilled as the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's greatest coup since it began public hearings seven months ago.

Plagued with complaints that initial concentration on victims' stories had reduced its hearings to a national therapy session, the commission was delighted with the application for amnesty from the most senior police officers yet to have approached it, in return for information that would lay bare the hrutality and immorality of the old regime

The men, convinced they had been hung out to dry by National Party politicians, had to convince the commission that their crimes were politically motivated to

promised that their testimony would blow the lid off some of even give the commission the ammunition it needed to do something many think long overdue - subpoena the former state president PW Botha.

Before the hearing, Alex Boraine, the commission's deputy chairman, charged with uncovering the truth about South Africa's apartheid past and forging a healing path for-ward, forecast: "This is the starting of a river that is going to become a flood."

On Monday, the flood started in a way Mr Boraine had not anticipated. General Johan van der Merwe, former police commissioner, subpoenaed to give evidence in support of the five, surprised everyone by volunteering that Botha had perqualify for amnesty. Their lawyer a church headquarters in 1988

Mourners throng the streets at the funeral of 13 people massacred at a prayer meeting near Durban in 1987 and then announced he, too, would be seeking amnesty. He advised all his former officers to follow suit. The old South African police force's resistance has finally begun to crumble.

The hreakthrough for the commission, a cornerstone of South Africa's negotiated transfer of power, comes at a crucial time. Although it has the weight of an Act of Parliament behind it, its work has been plagued by the criminal courts.

On Friday, state prosecutors who had been investigating the commission's star witnesses for more than two years put down the latest obstacles. After the sonally ordered the bombing of commission released the names of the five men, the Transvaal's

attorney-general, Jan d'Oliviera, ordered the arrest of two Nbusi was not home but they of them on murder charges. On Monday he went further, opposing attempts by the men's lawyer to subpoena witnesses in pending state prosecutions to appear before the commission.

Nothing illustrates so clearly South Africa's inability to make up its mind about how to deal with the past as the commission and courts' battle over perpetrators. Two years after the negotiated peace, a schizophrenia prevails over the relative value of justice and truth, and punishment and forgiveness.

Yesterday's dehacle was round two of a fight that began 10 days ago with the acquittal of the former defence minister Magnus Malan and a handful of former South African National Defence Force generals of the murder of 13 people - mainly women and children - during a prayer meeting in a village south of Durban in 1987.

The controversial prosecution tried to establish a chain of guilt between Malan-the-minister, the generals and officers under his command and six members of the Zulu Inkatha Freedom Party, who allegedly carried out the massacre when they called at the home of Vic-

Nbusi was not home but they their AK47s anyway. The case went to the heart of the National Party's cynical exploitation of the war between the IFP and the ANC in KwaZulu-Natal in the late Eighties as the edifice of apartheid began to crumble. It focused on the secret training of an IFP paramilitary force by

South African armed forces. ut it petered into nothingness on the steps of Durban Supreme Court when a grinning General Malan, one of the great hate figures in the old regime, emerged to declare the verdict a triumph for South African justice. The judge had rejected the evidence of the state's three main witnesses as unreliable, and said that secret security documents did not prove a conspiracy to murder or that Makm and co did anything illegal in training an IFP paramilitary force. All the

accused walked free. The failure of a seven-month trial, costing 7 million rand, set off a welter of angry exchanges between the commission and court supporters. Many South

Africans were bewildered by than Anna Ntuli, who lost three daughters and her husband in

the KwaMakutha massacre. As Malan professed his Christianity and offered his condolences to the families of victims. Mrs Ntuli, a small, round. hlack woman, stood quietly in a corner of the court. While the cameras clicked whirled around Malan, she tried in faltering English to express the injustice. But as the tears began to flow she switched to her native Zulu. You did not have to know the language to feel her passion. "My children and husband died

and yet it seems no one killed them," she said. Why the Malan prosecution failed has obsessed the media ever since. For Mrs Ntuli's son, Mbusi, 24, it was simple. Tim McNally, the KwaZulu-Natal attorney-general, only brought the case under pressure from the ANC and his heart had never been in it. And the courts. Mbusi Ntuli insisted, did not want to convict. "This is justice in South Africa. It has always been like this and the judiciary

are the same old people."
Officials in the justice department sympathise. "I suppose we are asking the old regime to

ransforming the judiciary but it will never be completed in time to affect this process."

Those who covered the trial was always going to be difficult to prove to the exacting standards demanded by a court the trail of guilt linking the accused. But for the commission the

real flaw was very basic. Arch-bishop Desmond Ilitu, the commission's chairman, said the Malan verdict proved the com-mission should be left to deal with South Africa's past. There was a difference, he said, between legal acquittal and

moral innocence.

The two sides agree on one thing: the failure of the Malan trial reduced the pressure on those guilty of gross human rights violations. Despite the hostility between the courts and commission, the latter's effecriveness depends on the courts acting as stick to its carrot.

If a perpetrator does not approach the commission by 15 December he faces the possihility of criminal proceedings. If, however, he goes to the mission and can prove his atrocities were political motivated, he will almost certainly he granted amnesty. No civil or criminal proceedings can fol-low. After Malan the court option seems less threatening.

"It is going to be harder to compel people to go to the Truth Commission," admits one government official who sympathises with the attorney-generais and points out that the conviction last month of Eugene de Kock, self-confessed state assassin, of 89 charges including six murders was partly responsible for the five police-

men seeking amnesty.

"Guilt - particularly at the highest levels - is hard to prove. Tons of incriminating documents have been shredded, and despite our instructions this may still be going on. After a failed 7 million rand trial it will be a brave attorney-general who tried to go for those at the top again."

And those once at the top know that. They know a weak-

ness when they see one. Ruhbing salt in Mrs Ntuli's wounds. Malan and his coaccused have not skulked off into grateful retirement since acquittal. Even on the steps of the court they were advising servicemen who felt the net closing in to opt for the courts. not the commission.

A relaxed and smiling Malan has since given a seaside interview to the Afrikaans press in which he promised to "return to look after my people".

He and his generals are now setting up an office in Pretoria offering advice to those who once served under them. This must chill hearts in the commission which is at last making an impact on the police hut has yet even to dent the ranks of the old armed forces.

The Malan trial failure has not hlunted d'Oliviera's purpose. And while conspiracy theories abound about the attorneygenerals' motive - some claim they are tainted with the old order and prosecute because

supporters argue they are the country's last true defenders of justice. Men guilty of the grossfive-star witnesses - are using the commission to escape promising prosecutions, it is argued.

The commission meanwhile were murdered and maimed. It argues that new South Africa

als, argues Mr have reached to few perpetrato tion to shirk collective responto hold a mirror up to this nation," he says. "It was not just behind it and voted for it."

like this week's allegations about Mr Botha - may seem a little pedestrian to Europeans who have long believed the old regime capable of anything. But white South Africans are more resistant to the uncomfortable truth. The commission hearings remain largely black business

At the end of its two-year life, the commission must produce an official version of the apartheid years. It has a greater chance of being accepted as truth by the majority if it is based on the evidence of perpetrators from the highest echclons of government to the lowest ranks. Such a foundation would provide the country w its best chance of moving on

But there is another hard fact. A negotiated peace involved political compromise and borse-trading between the National Party and the ANC. There was no victor. War trials would have been politically impossible. The black consciousness Pan Africanist Coness wastes its breathe by cal ing for the old NP cabinet to be rounded up and tried.

While the commission's arguments are all very rational, cmotionally they seem lacking. In a new hook, Reconciliation Through Truth, which champions truth before retributive justice, government minister Kader Asmal writes: "South Africa needs to grasp its past in a way that soars above the banalities and caprice of criminal process." That's a hard message for the Mrs Ntulis of this world who suffered for apartheid but believed justice would be theirs in the new South Africa.

Mr Boraine is painfully honest. Truth, not justice, is the best the new South Africa can offer. Many, like Mrs Ntuli, still do

not understand that. Hearings are still full of people who believe the commission has rolled into town to take away the guilty men. Once again, says Mr Boraine, people who have paid a high price for the new free democratic South Africa they know they will fail and that the truth will never emerge — more for the general good.

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esterday I brought to your attention the current poster for some drink or other which says: "Alexander the Great had conquered Europe by the age of 25 ... and asked if you could spot what was worrving about it.

The answer was so obvious that most of you felt it was beneath your dignity

Well done! The fact is that Alexander had not conquered Europe by the age of 25. Indeed, he never

conquered a lot, yes. have been called The Great. But from his power base in Macedonia Alexander the But whenever there is an Great headed east and advance, there is also a retreat waiting to happen. I conquered Persia, Egypt, India, etc. That is to say, he

he had to trample on hetween Macedonia and You would think that the advertisers of this drink, or even the makers of this drink, would have spotted this odd mistake before they distributed their posters round Britain proclaiming Alexander's conquest of

conquered a large part of

he conquered no part of

Europe except the few hits

Asia. To put it another way,

Britain, wouldn't you? Well, no, you wouldn't actually. After 15 years of Tory education, and 1,000 years of isolation, we British still don't seem to be very good at picking up other people's geography or history or language. There are, very occasionally, hopeful signs. Thanks to the popularity of the singer Julio lolesias and to the

popularity of the shampoo

have just about managed to master the pronunciation of the Spanish letter "j". Just

thought that when Eric Cantona came to play in England things had started to change, because by some miracle the great British public actually pronounced his name right. Can-ton-AH, they said, stressing the last syllable just as they do in France. At last! A breakthrough. But it was not to be. Newcastle United bought Ginola, and I do not think that in the North-east he is pronounced Jee-No-LAH, by analogy with Canto-NAH, or as a Frenchman would pronounce him, hut Jee-NO-la, as if he were Italian. My football friends inform me that the Newcastle manager, Kevin Keegan, sometimes refers to

Ginola by his first name, David, as Dah-VEED, which is encouraging, but not a lot. It's a tough job, getting foreign ways into our British noddles. Into our English noddles, even. One of the

stayed in Scotland was that John Menzies, the Scottish equivalent of W H Smith, was pronounced "Mingles" and I have pronounced it thus faithfully ever since, though it has brought me

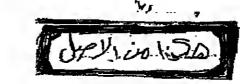
little credit among the Sassenachs. Occasionally 1 am beaten up (verbally) by English people at dinner parties, who accuse me of pedantry and snobbishness and trying to suck up to the Scots. I know what they mean, because I feel exactly the same way when I hear people on Radio 3 talking about Richard Strauss and being very careful to sound the "ch" in Richard as a German would - that is to say, making it sound like the Scottish "ch". I wouldn't mind this mild exhibitionism so much except that nobody, but nobody, ever does the same thing with Wagner. When they use his Christian name, it is always as if he were English, like Richard the Lionheart or Richard

Dimbleby. (But not Richard Van Dyke. I wonder if the Americans will ever realise the damage they caused to

when they allowed Dick Van Dyke to commit his ghastly imitation of the Cockney accent in Mary Poppins?) So there we have it.

Everyone laughs at everyone else for their misapprehensions. We laugh at the Americans for calling her Dionne "Waugh-Wick". The Scots laugh at the English for pronouncing Waugh" as "War" when the proper Scots pronunciation "Wauch". We laugh at the French and Spanish for losing the Bartle of Trafalgar, and they laugh at us for pronouncing it "Tra-FAL-ger" when the proper pronunciation is "Tra-fal-GAR" (not to mention "Gec-hral-TAR ...). And now we can all laugh at drinks people who believe that Alexander the Great really did conquer Europe.

Answer to yesterday's question. The question, you may remember, was: "What do you call a lot of Catholics being rude about the Government?". The winning answer, from B Hume of Westminster, is: "Critical



Clean up Britain, but don't do it from the pulpit

Tho was that hippie-ish guy who was so convincing about not mixing up religion and politics? Something, waso't it, ahout Caesar and rendering? I forget At any rate, he was right. Religion is unthinkable without Spirituality: and politics is unthinkable with it.

Politics is a rough and worldly struggle for power. Imagioe the chaos if John Major or Tony Blair really did run the country on Christian principles - the vigorous enthusiasm for disbursing higher-rate taxpayers of their tiches in order to help their chances of salvation; the deep commitment to truth-telling that would make the party system unworkable. How would the House of Commons functioo if it were full of ardent cheek-turners?

Then there are the com-mandments against adultery and lust. If Western politicians strove to be Christian with as much sincerity as Middle Easterners strive to be Muslim, this would presumably result in London living under moral laws as tough as those of Tehran. They would also know that all other religions are Lies and a direct threat to the Faith, and Take Steps Accordingly.

(Watch nut, Bradford.)

But they don't, of course, mean that. Most politicians are, like most of their country-

folk, tepid cootemporary believers, taking longer rooted; so bow can we make our times nothing too seriously and not expecting to be taken too seriously themselves. By "Christian principles" they intend one to understand only that they are generally well-intentioned and reassuringly traditionalist in a family setting.

Frances Lawrence says that she wants a national movement to renew civic values, and lets it be known that this is firmly based oo her Christian faith. "Based on" we should have no problem with; if people gain inner strength and courage from religion, that is to be celebrated and admired. But if moral issues are to be translated into a practical political agenda, they need to be made secular and mundaoe. Legislating against certain classes of knives is a clear, secular political act; "remoralising

society" is not.

Remoralising, indeed, re-anythinging, society implies a return to better times, which in. this case means the Fifties, that relatively brief plateau of orderliness and social cobesion. As Peter Popham reports on page three of today's the war. Huge oumbers of young men who might otherwise have been troublemakers had been killed or injured. Many more bad beeo disciplined by service life. The state was, by modern standards, both large and powerful. And Fifties Britain led to Sixties Britain, so it wasn't quite as stable a decade as its admir-

Nor has any period in modern history been stable; accelerating change is our cooditioo. It is nur social hurden and our private delight. This hasn't stopped politicians locating the ferent things.



Andrew Morr

Politicians should be promoting a practical. secular

programme rather than indulging in spiritual waffling

> human societies grew slowly and were rooted. They are no more stable?

We can all think of bad ways. There could be an intolerant revival of fundamentalist religion; a new ideological Leader; a shrivelling impoverishment to drive us backwards; a shrill nationalist exit from Europe and the world. But it is one of the reassuring aspects of this decade that these all seem utterly implausible. The benign answer is that politicians must

decades. For the right, it was the Sinful Sixties, for the left, the Evil Eighties. Interestingly, each side uses the same word to

attack the "other side's" decade

of decadence. Conservatives

criticise the selfishness of the

Sixties, a time when "my rights"

became paramount and duty was subverted. The left attacks

the selfishness of the Eighties,

when "me, myself and I" took

precedence over community.

From outside the party prism, it's clear that both are

right, but bigoted. Both the

Sixties and Eighties were decades in which economic and

technological change battered down the more deferential, sta-

tist and conformist societies

that had come before. This has

brought great liberation for

some, and a terrible penalty for others. But there is no climbing back into the post-war womb.

There is no dark entropy at work, no inevitable falling

part. How many of us feel too

liberated - personally too free?

The big question for politicians is how a secular society based on the market, individual

choice, a communications

explosion and no settled reli-

gion or hierarchy, can be encouraged to emphasise

belonging, duty, respect - those virtues idealised in our ootion

of the Fifties. Before then,

now help form a social consensus about civic duty and public behaviour. Tony Blair and his too-quickly-dismissed new Labourites have been banging on about this for long ecough. More recently, John Major jumped aboard the Frances Lawrence bandwagon. The difference, perhaps, is that Blair is readier to reassess the failures of his party in the Sixties than Major is to face up to the social deficit of the

There is clearly some irritation in the Labour camp about the fact that, after years of talk about society and community, the Conservatives have so quickly seized Mrs Lawrence's oewspaper-led initiative and jumped into step. That, though, is politics.

The important thing is that politicians should be arguing about a practical, secular programme - more teaching of civics, respect for the police and minorities, a harsher attitude to violence in the media, as well as in the street - rather than indulging in watered-down spiritual waffling. We can be more spiritual, more religious. And we can have a safer, more secure public culture. But they are entirely dif-

Karl Marx comes back – in an anorak

peering cautiously out from behind his Vilified for decades, blamed for the countless atrocities carried out in his name, he has been consigned by widespread agreement to the waste-paper basket of history. Yet Karl Marx could be about to make a comeback. If politicians and academics

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were to meer old uncle Karl today, they might find they had more in common with him than they expected. What with polirical leaders chattering about a classless society, and economists trying to explain the huge technological and social changes that are underway, there are Marrian echoes all

To be taken seriously today, Mr Marx would have to ditch a lot of the communist nonsense along with the straggly beard. The proletarian revolution never materialised in the West And all it achieved in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union was oppressive government and failed economic experiments.

Nevertheless, Marx was a prolific writer, ranging through moral philosophy to theories of historical change, contradicting himself and confusing everyone else at intervals along the way. Sooner or later some of his ideas were bound to become fashionable again.

Take Marx's eothusiasm for a classless society. John Major apparently wants one. So, too, does new Labour. Tony Blair wants people to "fulfil their potential" - rather like Marx, who wanted buman beings to overcome alienation and find fulfilment.

But wanting to overcome class privileges was never dis-tinctive to Marx. After all, good liberals have always wanted people to have an equal chance m life, no matter who their parents were.

Marx - unlike others who

shared his dreams - had a strong historical view about what shakes up the class structure. Economic change, driven by technological progress, brings new groups of people to the top. And curiously it is this theory of history which is popping up in strange places again today. Remember what Marx said

about the industrial revolutioo? New technology made possible mass production in the factories, at the same time that fewer and fewer people were oeeded to grow food oo the land. As a result a new powerful class emerged: the factory owners or industrialists (Marx



The information revolution may deliver the classless society Marx wanted, says Yvette Cooper

called them the capitalists). knowledge. As a result, a oew Where once, under feudalism, the landowners had been all powerful, they now came face knowledge. face with a bunch of business upstarts. Technological change, he said, would lead to a change in economie arrangements, which itself had knock-on

effects for the class structure. Now consider what economists and pundits are saying about modern economic and social change. Thanks to rapid technological change - computers, the Internet, stuff like that - what matters most is

class of powerful people is emerging those who hold the

its Marxist undertooes - seems to fit the facts. According to economists in the US, jobs are already polarising into well-paid, highly skilled employ-ment and low-paid, low-skill temporary jobs on the other: the middle is hollowing out.

But these technological and ecocomic changes also throw up another possibility: this could be our chance to smash

up the old class system entirely. In Britain today, the sons and daughters of professional parents still have a much higher job in their turn than the children of huilders or shop assistants. All this could be about to

If education and skills are what matter, theo all a revolutionary has to do is make sure everyone gets a good education. All those Socialist Workers Party members who stand on street corners shouting in oasal tones should give up and

all, it is considerably easier to redistribute economic power through education than through property. Take some-one's property to give to others and they will scream theft. But we can give the low skilled more education without taking education away from anyone

In a knowledge-based, technological age of fierce global competition, countries who can't get their most talented people nto the most difficult jobs will suffer. Never before has a sys-

tem of class privilege been so economically inefficient. It looks cheeringly as though Marx's theory of history is finally delivering the classless society he wanted without a

drop of blood being shed. If only this were the end of the story. Sadly, though, the idea that history is about to end in a happy and united nirvana may be no more plausible today than it was a century ago. We could easily fail to provide the unskilled with the education they need, and prop up class privileges instead. John Major seems to want to do exactly that preferring to abolish inheritance tax to expanding education.

Tony Blair's three priorities - education, education and education - are far more promising. But even they may not be sufficient. The turning and churning of history could throw up new social divisions instead. Perhaps the important distinctions in future will he between the talented and the untalented. Or maybe the powerful people will be billionaires such as Bill Gates, keeping tight hold oo the computer programmes we all use, and Rupert Murdoch, dominating the oewspapers we read and the eotertainment we watch.

But for the moment, we are speculating, just as Marx did 100 years ago. Fortunately for Karl Marx, whatever happens we are bound to he able to find something he said which predicts it. Whether it be a new classless world, achieved through educatioo in the information age, nr new social divisions, Marx had something to say about it.

But the chances are he won't get the credit whatever happens. None of our modern theorists or politicians want to be associated with the great man, no matter how similar their views might be. But even in their denials, they have something in common with Karl Marx, who famously said: "All I know is that I'm not a

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Northern chips are down

London grabs the new national stadium. No surprise, says Emma Daly

ootball's staying put, it seems, spurning the siren call of Manchester for the familiar, if inconvenient, twin lowers of Wembley; no surprise there, if you're Mancunian, but irritatino oone the less that the money, the prestige, the facilities are again going south. Forntully, the deal has not been done.

The Sports Council has yet to decide on a site for a new national stadium from the shortlist of two (Bradford, Sheffield and Birmingham were dropped earlier), but the race is probably over; the Football Association, with the governing bodies of athletics and rugby league, has decided to back the

London hid. The news did not go down well in Manchester, think it was sadly predietable, I think it's an opportunity wasted," Paul Horrocks, denuty editor of the Manchester Evening News, said crossly. "People are sick and tired uf the natioo's resources being

pumped into the nation's capital city. Sir Bobby Charlton, the footballer who backed Manchester's Olympic bid, responded more to surrow than in anger. "It should not be forgotten that there's

another part of the country up here, with millions who want to see major sporting events," he said. "We don't really want to travel down to London every time something happens, which is the

ease at the moment. For Terry Christian, the television presenter who lives in Manchester, it was "par for the course". "I don't even know why they tendered it out, because I don't think there was ever any intention for the stadium not tu he in London." Mancunians are used to London hogging the limelight, and the south blames that chip on the northern shoulder, but a certain stoicism

is also io order. "I would like things to be in the North but the point is that London is the capital, whether you like it or not," said Sir Bernard

Ingham, professional tyke. And Bernard sus London, and I'm normally on the side Manning, king of uncouth comedy, is even harder on his home town's dream of glory:

sus London, and I'm normally on the side of the province, but I do think you have to face the fact that you have a capital.

"It's like Berlin bogs the limelight in Germany, and Tokyo does in Japan," he said though the German team do not restrict their play to the capital (Bonn) but play all over the country. "You've got to be sensible." Sir Bernard agrees; "I'm afraid people don't come to Manchester or Leeds in the same numbers." But perhaps they would, if encouraged.

As far as the national stadium is concerned, "Manchester makes sense from not only a



Southern comfort: the planned stadium

financial point of view but from a geo-graphical point of view," Mr Horrocks said. "We are basically at the centre of this coun-try." And, he added, "Wembley isn't even in the centre of Loodoo."

But the twin towers, the World Cup victory in 1966, the tradition, apparently acted powerfully on the FA - despite the fact that until the late Fifties England played at several club grounds. Mr Horrocks sees Wembley as "the soft option"; picking Manchester, he says, would have beeo innovative, would have "broken the

The Bernards think he is carping. I do think there's a lot of people whingeing about this," Sir Bernard said. "They always whinge, there's always this provincial provinces ver-

"It may be that people want a different capital," he added, raising the possibility of Marston Moor in Yorkshire as a new site. "I think there's quite a lot of snobbery in London about the North, I think there equally is a great deal of ignorance in London about the North."

And indeed the region has a flourishing life, sporting and cultural - Manchester United might have been humiliated this week, but at least the drubbing came from

Newcastle and not Arsenal. A disproportionate number of English pop stars of the last 30 years have come from Liverpool or Manchester. Two out of three major soap operas are set in the North and it seems at times that all our favourite modern dramatists - Alan Bleasdale, Willy Russell Alan Bennett, Lynda LaPlante, Alan Ayck-

bourne - are northerners. We've got great stadiums up here, oew dog tracks, we've got our own share of prosperity," Mr Manning said stoutly. Cer-tainly London can produce as many miserable and crime-ridden areas as Man-

chester or Liverpool. Perhaps that is why Virginia Bottomley felt compelled to defend the granting to London of great chunks of lottery money, for its principal arts companies and for the millennium project.

"It is only natural, after all, that London. our capital city and this country's biggest tourist attraction, should be the site of nationally important projects," Mrs Bottomley said last year. "I love London ... I care aboot the environment and surroundings in which I spend most of my life."

Well there you go, supporters of the North might say. She lives in London - and so do most of those who run the country, the media, the rest of our lives. No wonder they think the capital is first among wannabe equals.

Hold the line for phone rage

ve was talking to her sis-ter Madeline when the beeps that signal call waiting" began. "Ohmygosh, that's probably my agent. Hold on," said Madeline. Eve hung up instead.

When Madeline rang back evidently the other call was not beragent - her sister was blunt: "If you're going to put me on hold, I'm going to hang up. I hate 'call waiting'. You hear a beep, and you say 'Hold on': meanwhile the person is sitting there like a dolt while you decide whether the new call is

more important than the old one.
"Do you think Wanted: a new have nothing etiquette to better to do than hold on? Do you deal with BT's think there is nothing else go-ing on in my life, that I have time 'call waiting'

you deal with your stupid phooe calls?" Does this ring a bell? It may be a scene from fiction - Delia Ephron's Hanging Up, to be exact - but telephone rage is a fact for more than a few of the millions of Britons who encounter "call waiting" every day. British Telecom says that

to hold on while

me). But popular with whom? British Telecom won't say. Certainly not to those people who cannot bear the idea of interrupting. They hang up the

"call waiting" is its second most

popular service after "call

return" (that's 1471 to you and

moment they hear the words:
"Please hold the line, we are trying to connect you." One woman admitted: "Oh yes, it was me. I just had to hang up. I just can't stand the idea. Most people do not hlush as

much as see red, though in

the call believes that he or she controls it, psychologists say, and people who think they are in control hate phone limbo. This is the place inhabited not by humans or answering machioes hut by the voice that assures you: "The caller knows you are waiting". "I cannot stand that!" explodes one

caller, and he is not alone. If one had to rate emotions anger is above guilt, so spare a thought for the person who hears the beeps. Upon hearing these, he or she must decide whether to inter-

rupt. If they do, caller number ooe may feel slighted. If they don't, caller oumber two may he funing. Having taken service

the plunge and decided to interrupt, they then have to figure out how. This is no easy feat with generations of whispers in your ear saying: "Rude, rude, rude," The prohlem is that the whispers are right. "Call waiting" is the telephone equivalent of looking over somebody's shoulder to see if anyone more interesting

is oearby. This social minefield is not going to go away. The work trend of the Nineties is freelance and "call waiting" is the next best thing to two telephone lines. But is it possible to have good manners and cope with "call waiting"? Do we need a new etiquette on how to interrupt? Oops, before you answer, I've just got someooe on the other line. Do you mind holding? I'll be right back...

Ann Treneman



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Mercury's £5bn merger with cable firms heralds huge telecoms industry shake-up

and Mathew Horsman

The most significant restructuring of the UK telecommunications industry since the advent of competition five years ago was unveiled by Cahle & Wireless yesterday with a £5bn deal to merge its British subsidiary, Mercury, with three of the largest cable operators. Nynex ČahleComms, Bell Ca-

blemedia and Videotron. The combined company, to be called Cahle & Wireless Communications, will be by far the UK'a biggest cable opera-tor, with 1.3 million telephone and television customers concentrated in London, Manchester and Leeds, and assets of

It is likely to pose the most serious competitive threat so far to BT, which has managed to hold on to more than 90 per cent of its domestic customers, and to BSkvB, which competes with cahle operators in the pay

Bell Cablemedia

Bell Cablemedia 138,886

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MERCURY

Bell Cahlemedia had been widely trailed, but the inclusion of Nynex, the second largest British cable operator after Telewest, stunned the industry. It was such a closely guarded sccret that even several senior Nynex executives in the UK

were unaware of the talks. The speed with which the companies concluded the agreement, after just three reeks of negotiations and 10 days of in depth talks also surprised the City, which had waited for Dick Brown, Cable & Wireless's recently appointed chief executive, to give his company a clear direction.

Mr Brown said the "lead and the spark" behind the deal had come from Cable & Wireless. "It was a deal waiting to happen. The UK cable industry was waiting for the first move...if somebody didn't jump in, pull it together and make it happen, somebody else would," he explained.

Cable & Wireless said it did not envisage any regulatory ob-

merger. Both the industry regulator, Don Cruickshank and the Government had been warned about the deal in advance. It will also be reviewed by the Independent Television Commission, which regulates

the cable television market. The new group claims to be able to offer the first genuine one-stop-shop for customers with services ranging from conventional telephones, to cable television and internet access. It will include cable franchises London, Manchester and Leeds in addition to Mercury's 700,000 residential customers who access the service indirectly through a button on the tele-

phone handset. Analysts pointed to potential cost savings through the combined operation's much tougher purchasing power with suppli-ers, including BSkyB, the dominant pay-TV company owned 40 per cent James McCafferty from stockbrokers Hoare Govett said: "This is smart deal by

The takeover of Videotron by stacles to the completion of the any standards. What this means for the new company is that it combines local distribution with a high quality long distance network giving operating cost savings through lower interconnection charges."

Cable & Wireless shares

jumped 26p to 467p, while Nynex rose 23.5p to 119.5p. Shares in other listed cable operators were also buoved by the news.

The terms of the four-way with the \$1.009bn (£685m) takeover of Videotron by Bell Cablemedia, the UK offshoot of Bell Canada International. To help fund the purchase, Cable and Wireless will invest \$338m (£212m) in Bell Cablemedia

Nynex, Bell Cablemedia and Mercury will then he merged into the new group, Cahle & Wireless Communications, which will be floated on the stock market by next spring. When the merger is completed, Cable & Wireless will own just under 53 per cent of the new company. Mr Brown said his priority was that Cable & Wireless would continue to own the controlling stake.

One obvious element missing was Mercury One2One, the mobile network in which Cable & Wireless has a 50 per cent stake. Mr Brown dismissed speculation that One2One's other shareholder, US West, which also owns part of Telewest, had blocked its in-

corporation into the new group. The next step will be to appoint a new management team to run the company which will involve advertising key jobs externally, in a process that is also sure to lead to a shakeout of management in all four companies. Dan Somers, Bell Ca-blemedia's chief executive said: This is a company that needs the best and the brightest management team, taken from inside and outside the industry."

John Killian, the chief executive of Nynex CableComms, declined to comment on the announcement until details were presented to the board. "The deal with Cable & Wireless is based services to likely to take several months to million homes. finalise and we must get on with our business," he said.

There are also certain to be job losses as a result of consolidating activities such as administration and billing. Comment, page 19



Birth of big hitter to take on BT

Mathew Horsman Media Editor

The emergence of a new, powerful force in the telephone and cable television industries, heralded by the hirth yesterday of C&W Communications, is likely to lead to a radical restructuring of the UK market, analysts predicted last night.

In the telecoms market, the combination of Mercury and the three cable operators create a far more powerful competitor to BT which will be able to supply cheap and varied phonebased services to as many as 6

In the pay-television market, long the more problematic part of the cable industry's key businesses, the changes will be swift, analysts said. The new market leader is expected to be far more effective at building its

subscriber base, using the mus"Once the pay-television
de of 6 million franchise homes market goes digital, there will to create a true national brand for cable as a competitor to satellite television.

The new company, in addi-

tion to its own common branding, will have more leverage in its dealings with programme suppliers, and will be able to streamline and improve customer relations, including marketing and billing. "Certainly this consolidation

is a good thing," said one leading media analyst. "Either all the (cable) investors would have to pack up and leave their investment on the table or actually co-operate to make it work." Added another: "The new company is definitely a big power with programme suppliers," especially with pay-televi-

sion giant BSkyB.

be more competition in the market, and C&W Communications will be well placed."

The announcement was seen as the first important step towards improving the marketing and administration capabilities of the industry, which has disappointed investors by failing to attract significant numbers of Earlier this year the cable op-

time on a joint £12m television advertising campaign, but many critics said the approach was muddled and half-hearted. Last week the regulator, Don Cruickshank, criticised the industry for failing to match servicing and marketing standards of BT and BSkyB. A media an-

abst said: "The cable companies

have been hopeless so far."

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media, one of the new partners, explained: "We are now in a better position to compete with BI on the one hand and with BSkyB on the other." The market was expecting further consolidation in the industry, which has so far invested more than £6bn building a broadband network. Indepen-

dent players such as General

Cable and Comcast are be-

lieved to be prime targets for

Those close to this deal hope

it will go some way to redress-

ing the balance. Dan Somers,

chief executive of Bell Cable-

takeover, with Telewest, now industry, the clear favourite to expand by acquisition. talks with Nynex months, but these were ended by Nynex in favour of joining the C&W-Bell

Cablemedia camp.

Lehman puts \$18bn price tag on Airbus float

Airbus Industrie, the four-nation aircraft manufacturer. could be worth up to \$18bn (f11bn) when it is converted into a single corporate entity and floated off, according to the first authoritative attempt to value the business.

The study by the US investment hank Lehman Brothers

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seven years before research and development costs and repayment of launch aid.

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- CABLE & WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS

Lehmans also forecasts that once Airbus has overhauled its status to become a public company it could launch a bid for Douglas Aircraft, the commercial jet division of McDonnell Douglas, to create the world's

that Airbus could be worth \$15bn-\$18bn, BAe'a stake is valued at \$3bn-\$3.6bn. This is the equivalent of more than a third of BAe's present market

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The three other partners in Airbus are Aerospatiale of France, Daimler Benz of Germany and Spain's Casa. The

which British Acrospace has a 20 per cent stake, could make profits of \$21hn over the next Based on Lehman's estimate company by 1999 and aim to a public more than 600-800 passengers. Such as a surpassing the mighty Boeing. Based on Lehman's estimate company by 1999 and aim to a public billier capable of carrying surpassing the mighty Boeing. Surpassing the mighty Boeing. Based on Lehman's estimate company by 1999 and aim to a public billier capable of carrying surpassing the mighty Boeing. Surpassing the mighty Boeing. Based on Lehman's estimate company by 1999 and aim to be surpassing the mighty Boeing. Based on Lehman's estimate company by 1999 and aim to be surpassing the mighty Boeing. Based on Lehman's estimate company by 1999 and aim to be surpassing the mighty Boeing. Based on Lehman's estimate company by 1999 and aim to be surpassing the mighty Boeing. Based on Lehman's estimate company by 1999 and aim to be surpassing the mighty Boeing. Based on Lehman's estimate company by 1999 and aim to be surpassing the mighty Boeing. Based on Lehman's estimate company by 1999 and aim to be surpassing the mighty Boeing. Based on Lehman's estimate company by 1999 and aim to be surpassing the mighty Boeing. Based on Lehman's estimate company by 1999 and aim to be surpassing the mighty Boeing. Based on Lehman's estimate company by 1999 and aim to be surpassing the mighty Boeing. Based on Lehman's estimate company by 1999 and aim to be surpassing the mighty Boeing. Based on Lehman's estimate company by 1999 and aim to be surpassing the mighty Boeing. Based on Lehman's estimate company by 1999 and aim to be surpassing the mighty Boeing. Based on Lehman's estimate company by 1999 and aim to be surpassing the mighty Boeing. Based on Lehman's estimate company by 1999 and aim to be surpassing the mighty Boeing. Based on Lehman's estimate company by 1999 and aim to be surpassing the mighty Boeing. company by 1999 and aim to have signed a binding memorandum of understanding by the end of this year.

Lehmans believes Airbus would be even more profitable in the short term if it did not have the \$13bn costs of launching the A3XX super-jumbo

Airbus could get up to a third of the launch costs from the four partner governments but the remainder would have to come from the industrial partners, other risk-sharing investors and

the financial markets. The Lehmans analysis cal-culates that Airbus's annual and other programmes. culates that Airbus's annual The A3XX, a double-deck sales will rise from just under

instantly raise its market share above 50 per cent, toppling Boeing from number one slot.

A merger, the study adds, would bring significant savings on the A3XX programme, allow Airbus to manufacture more of its aircraft in dollars and reduce the total R&D bill.

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Mr Hamanaka was authorised

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In New York, a Merrill Lynch

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Salomon slump lowers shares

David Usborne **New York**

Salomon vesterday reported a 58 per cent fall in third-quarter earnings, a stark contrast to the high-profits trend being enjoyed by its Wall Street rivals. Shares of the company, the parent of the Salomon Broth-

ers securities house, fell 8 per cent in early trading on news of the diminished profits, which came in below analysts' estimates.

"Quarter-to-quarter trading results are variable," Robert Denham, chairman of Salomon inc, said in a statement.

Salomon'a net income for the quarter ending 30 Septem-ber was \$112m (£70m) compared with \$268m in the same quarter in 1995.

"This was a relatively quiet quarter for our sales and trad-ing business," said Dryck Maughan, chairman of Salomon Brothers, which has itself staged an impressive turnaround since its disastrous run in 1994. "Our investment banking business continued to show good momentum."

New York securities firms, such as Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley, have reported stellar quarterly earnings thanks to the healthy conditions on the Wall Street markets. Salomon emphasised, how-

ever, that over the full nine months ending in September, income rose to \$679m compared with \$289m for the previous nine-month stretch. "Overall Salomon Inc results for the first nine months of 1996 are very strong," Mr Denham said.

Earnings results at Salomon are prone to unusual volatility in part because of the importance of its proprietary trading unit. "This is a company that does not hit quarter after quarter after quarter because of those bets made with its own capital, remarked Richard

Strauss of Goldman Sachs. In the third quarter, revenue from investment hanking showed an increase of 46 per cent to \$187m. The company was number three among US underwriters of stocks and bonds, number six in advising on

Yasuo Hamenaka (centre) shortly after his arrest yesterday

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Tokyo police arrest rogue copper trader

Richard Lloyd Parry

Tokyo and Nic Cicutti

Yasuo Hamanaka, the Japanese metals trader once nicknamed "Mr Copper", was arrested yesterday after his former employer, Sumitomo Corporation accused him of incurring losses of \$2.6bn (£1.6bn) during 10 years of unauthorised trading.
The arrest marks the first sig-

nificant development in an investigation that has involved police and regulators in Britain and the US, as well as in Japan. The arrest did not follow a re-

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quest from the Serious Fraud Office in the UK, which yesterday said its own inquiry into Mr Hamanaka's trading activities was continuing.

An SFO spokesman said:
'The Japanese investigation is obviously different from the SFO's ... so our investigation continues as it has done. In June, Sumitomo sacked

Mr Hamanaka, its head of copper trading, after the original announcement that he had lost the company \$1.8bn, much of it in dealings on the London Metal Exchange. Estimated losses have since risen, mounting further yesterday as copper prices,

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to which Sumitomo is still tied by Mr Hamanaka's outstanding trading positions, slipped slightly, despite substantial reductions in LME stocks.

Japanese television yesterday showed an unshaven Mr Hamanaka being driven from the Tokyo Public Prosecutor's Office to the city's detention centre. His home in nearby Kawasaki, was raided by investigators who carried away bags

The Japanese investigation is focusing on metal trading contracts sent to a subsidiary of Merrill Lynch. The documents, Sumitomo in an entirely prop-

dated January and September er manner," CURRENCIES

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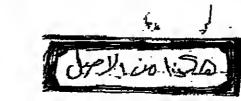
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Reckitt and Colman plans £152m payout

Reckitt & Colman will return every 20 shares they currently f152m to its shareholders via a own into 19 new shares. special dividend and share consolidation, less than two years after the Harpic, Lysol and Dettol household products group tapped shareholders for £230m to part-fund the £15m acquisition of its American rival

L&F, writes Tom Stevenson. The return of funds was welcomed by the market which pushed Reckitt's shares 13p higher to 726p as analysts anticipated enhanced earnings per share. Shareholders will receive 35.65p per share in return for the consolidation of The proposals are unaffect-

ed by the Chancellor, Ken Clarke'a, recent clampdown on special dividends and huybacks because the payout is to be made in the form of a foreign income dividend (FID) which is paid gross and does not attract advanced corporation tax. Because Reckitt earns more than 90 per cent of its profits overseas it also plans to pay part of future ordinary dividends in the form of Fids The payback reflects strong cash flow.



Of Breed S



The new broom at C&W makes a clean sweep

'Persuading four different moving parts to agree such a complex transaction is

in itself no mean feat. But getting them to do it in just six weeks is a remarkable act of negotiating skill

have confounded the company's critics, at | there was a chance to solve Mercury's conlast providing the strategy and direction that genital weakness, its lack of a decent local C&W has lacked for so long. Both from a financial and an industrial perspective, yesterday's four-way merger between Mer-cury, Bell Cablemedia, Nynex and Videotron, value on the company's buge and so far largely unrecognised investment in Mercury. and to have insured the company's long-term viability by providing it with a reasonably sized

local loop to hitch onto. Persuading four different moving parts to agree such a complex transaction is in itself no mean feat. But getting them to do it in just six weeks is a remarkable act of negotiating skill, achieved in part by keeping the corporate lawyers as far away from it as pos-

Mr Brown is obviously the main reason for this, but to be fair on his predecessors, he has also had the luck of timing on his side. Mr Brown arrived at C&W just as the cable industry was beginning finally to come to its senses and realise that something had to be done about its fragmented structure, lacklustre image and poor marketing skills. The cable companies have built themselves a together, should be worth something over wonderful infrastructure, but they have together, should be worth something over shareholders haven't had to stump up much for this little treasure - it has mainly been

network.

Normally deals as commercially and industrially sound as this one suffer from a fatal flaw, that they are also anti-competiis hard to fault. Mr Brown seems at a stroke tive and therefore against the public interto have found a method of putting a decent | est. In this case it seems to be the very reverse. At last there is the prospect of proper competition for BT, an opportunity lo create a powerful national brand in local and long distance telecoms to rival the allpowerful incumbent.

BT versus Mercury has until now always looked a bit like Mike Tyson versus gran. Now at least we'll have a competitor capahle of going a few rounds. In cable television too, a much more credible player is created, one capable of standing up to the might sible. The paralysis of action that seems to have gripped C&W these past few years has plainly lifted.

of BSkyB as well as possibly offering some worthwhile alternative programming of its own. A great deal of work needs to be done in integrating these four companies and improving their lamentably poor penetration rates, but at least the building blocks are now

in place to do something serious with.

As for the financial side of this deal, that seems to work for C&W, too. C&W ends up with nearly 53 per cent of a business which, judged by the valuations used in putting it

What a difference a new broom can make.

In just three short months, the new man at Cable & Wireless, Dick Brown, seems to

been poor at doing anything with it. Mr brown found himself pushing at an open door. Consolidation was in the air and at last

C&W's share price. The deal involves a cash. payment to Bell Cable Industries of US \$338m, but that is virtually covered by what C&W is getting by reducing its interest in Germany. Now, there's got to be something wrong with this deal somewhere....

Airbus offers BAe manna from heaven

British Aerospace is one of those comturn up just when it's needed. The last such windfall was its stake in Orange, which cost it little but turned out to be worth a packet. Before that was Rover, bought for a song and sold for a fortune. So where is the next manna from heaven going to come from? Quite possibly Airbus, which against all the odds is turning out to be an outstandingly successful example of pan-European industrial co-operation.

According to a circular from Lehman Brothers yesterday, Airbus could be worth as much as \$18bn if it were floated on the stock market, valuing BAe's 20 per cent stake in what is admittedly for the moment only a consortium, at \$3.6bn. This is not a valuation achieved out of nothing, of course, but as luck would have it, BAe's present

funded out of government launch aid, British and Continental.

Nor is a stock market flotation the fantasy it might appear. Airous is in the process of incorporating and while this is still a long way from a public listing, that is certainly the eventual aim. Airbus has every intention of tapping the capital markets for the planned development of the A3XX, its own version of the super jumbo. The main difficulty lies not so much in persuading BAe's Continental partners that floating Airbus is a good idea, as in establishing precisely what stake each partner is entitled to. BAe's interests are more profitable, but Continental parts are indisputably bigger.

Thanks for nothing, Sir George

Those investors mertily piling into the newly-privatised rail sector have more to thank Sir George Young for than they could have known. Not only were the franchises knocked out at bargain basement prices but, it now emerges, the taxpayer will not be entitled to recoup a single penny in the event that they make "super profits", whatever those are.

It might not have been like that. In his wisdom, the franchising director, Roger Salmon, advised the Secretary of State to include claw-back clauses in the sale of the train operating companies, clauses that downside.

might have allowed taxpayers to share m any woodfall profits. The flip side of the com was that unexpected revenue shortfalls would also be borne equally. Sir George, who is more used to bicycles than trains, ignored this advice on the grounds that it would deter companies from tendering for franchises or encourage them to bid for higher subsidies. He was also concerned that if the franchises turned out not to be worth anything, the taxpayer would have lost out twice over by paying heavier subsidies and still not getting a share of the action. Hindsight is a wonderful thing but even without its benefit the investment community seems to have taken a much more bullish view of the

prospects for the private rail companies than Sir George and his civil servants. Stagecoach and Prism, two of the suc-cessful bidders for the first three franchises let by the Government, have both seen their share prices rocket since the deals were done. In the case of Prism, a collection of four bus companies, the share price has risen four-fold in as many months as investors lick their lips in anticipation.

This may be an investment bubble waiting to burst, in which case there will be plenty of investors getting a soaking. If it is not then Sir George will have some tricky questions to answer from the Public Accounts Committee, since Mr Salmon's proposal would have neatly protected taxpayers' interests on the upside and investors' interests on the

Orders and output 'grow at fastest rate for 18 months'

ederation of British Iny. One of the key pieces of omic news before next is monetary meeting, it showed that business conce has increased for the id quarter running while indrew Buxton, head of the s economic affairs come and chairman of Barclays ; said the Chancellor of the equer, Kenneth Clarke. ht get away with holding . Despite the recovery in ut, manufacturers' costs prices have fallen sharply. bly jobless." though the CBI's quarterly

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Secretary to the Treasury, said

The most upbeat aspects of n was not uniformly buoy- the survey, which covers the four jobs. There was a small in-

fidence, orders and investment. The unadjusted halance of manufacturers who were more rather than less optimistic was 8 per cent, the same as July. But adjusting for the normal seasonal confidence dip in October, there was a sharp underlying rise from 11 to 17 per cent in the optimism balance, one of the best single indicators of GDP growth. In line with the improvement in confidence, investment intentions were the strongest since April 1989.

Total new orders increased at the fastest pace since last April. and output at the fastest rate since last July. Although the rise in output was less than expected, companies' expectations have proved too high for the past 18 months.

Two areas of slight weakness in the survey were stocks and crease in stocks of materials and of finished goods levelled off rather than falling as expected. Jobs in manufacturing fell slightly. A sharp fall had been expected in the past four months, but is now expected to

take place during the next four. The Scottish CBI is to launch an inquiry into why Scotland ap-pears to be missing out on the recovery. Although the latest survey showed a more positive picture. Lord Younger, the Royal Bank of Scotland chairman and head of the inquiry, said: "A number of areas have not hitherto shared fully in the UK economic recovery."

NE COYLE ant, City analysts said it pointed mooths to October, were coniomics Editor to a brighter economic outlook. "It is not sensational but it ers and output are growing neir fastest rate for 18 does confirm that manufacturing is improving," said Kevin Gardiner, an analyst at Morgan ths, according to the latest y of manufacturing by the Stanley.

Capel said: "It shows that the correct policy at the moment would be higher taxes rather than higher interest rates, to encourage manufacturing rather than consumers. In reality, we'll nent plans have returned to highest level since 1989. prohably get the reverse."

Angela Knight, Economic

> the results showed that improved confidence was reaching new areas of the economy. But Margaret Beckett, shadow secretary for trade and industry, said: "Any recovery will be modest, short-lived and possi-

Soute Sares Cases

Tunnel to cut 657 jobs

Michael Harrison

Eurotunnel vesterday an-nounced it was cutting 657 jobs from its 3,500-strong workforce in a move that will reduce its running costs by £32m a year. Confirmation of the cutbacks came as Eurotunnel and Eurostar were given a freer hand in carving up the capacity of the Channel Tunnel, following a ruling by the European Court of

First Instance. The judgement means the three operators of Eurostar serrices - London and Continental Railways, SNCF and the Belgian rail company SNCB - will no longer have to reserve 25 per cent of their capacity through the tunnel for rival rail services.

The ruling overturns a European Commission requirement that Eurostar could only have exemption from anti-trust rules provided it kept the capacity available for other operators.

Eurotunnel meanwhile said that the job cuts would mainly affect consultants, sub-contractors and temporary staff. Of the 659 reductions. 306 will go in Loudon and Folkestone and 351 jobs will be scrapped in Paris and Coquelles.

The company estimated that £16m of the £32m cost savings would come from a lower salary hill. The latest job cuts come on top of 200 staff reductions

IN BRIEF

 Robert Ayling, chief executive of British Airways, said plans by the European Commission for a revision of airport slot allocation rules should be as "simple" as possible. In a speech to the European Aviation Club, he said that slot allocation is "a second best solution" to governments authorising construction of new airport capacity. Mr Ayling said he was encouraged by the fact that Neil Kinnock, European Transport Commissioner was "talking about a new regulation which will endorse the legitimacy of secondary slot trading", which already takes place. "The secondary reserves the trade among airlings for existing slots, as on market covers the trade among airlines for existing slots, as op-posed to the primary market, in which new slots are allocated by authorities. Clampdown in BAA airport charges, page 22

 Jean-Claude Trichet, Governor of the Banque de France, said yesterday that seven countries were on course to meet the targets for membership of European Monetary Union from 1 January 1999. The seven - Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Luxembourg and the Netherlands - had all had their currencies trading within their old bands in the Exchange Rate Mechanism, he said. The Emu wannabees Italy, Portugal and Spain, and the UK, a firm "maybe", were notable for their absence from his list.

 Lloyd's of London and the rest of the capital's insurance market will provide \$300m (£188m) of the world's largest reinsurance programme amounting to \$2bn that aims to provide home owners in California with insurance cover against earthquake damage. The programme was initiated last year by the state-sponsored California Earthquake Anthority after 75 per cent of insurers refused to provide new insurance cover after the January 1994 carthquake.

 The Bank of England's auction of £2bn-worth of gilts yesterday was a notable success. Bids amounted to 3.57 times the stock on offer, a 7 per cent stock maturing in 2001. There was no tail: the gap between the average and lowest accepted price was zero.

 Olivetti launched a court action claiming 190bn lire (£39m) in damages against Renzo Francesconi, its former director-general. The company said the action "accuses Mr Francesconi, who was at his post for about a month, to have created, either by a happygo-lucky attitude or intentionally, an alarming situation". Olivetti also said that Mr Francesconi granted an interview to a daily newspaper that "caused great alarm, that created serious turbulence on the financial market, causing heavy damage to the company and prompting the intervention of [bourse authority] Consob."

 Freuch industrial output increased by an impressive 2.9 per cent during July and August, boosted by a surge in car production ahead of the September expiry of a tax incentive to huy new cars. Car output rose 8.1 per cent in two months. "Core" output rose 1.9 ide since January this year. | per cent during the two months and was unchanged year-on-year.

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Surprise C&W alliance sets the cable sector buzzing

Cable shares, for long one of companies not involved in the the stock market's more neglected wavelengths, surged as the long running Videotron deal emerged.

The surprise four-way merger, although sending shock waves through the communications industry, received a rapturous reception oo a day most shares were allowed to drift aimlessly

Cable and Wireless, at the centre of the new alliance, for the first time showed signs of throwing off the disappoint-ment over the failed BT merger bid, with a 26p jump to 467p.

The company is pumping its Mercury operation into a new vehicle which will also embrace Nvnex CableComms, Bell Cablemedia as well as Videotron. It is intended to float the

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four-way merger jumped on exture in corporate activity as the sprawling, still highly unprofitable industry, is subjected to further consolidation. General Cable added 19p to 197p, Telewest Communications 12p to 135p and Flextech 20p to

But high flying BSkyB, which is likely to feel the impact of the new alliance, fell 18p to 678.5p; other television shares were also a little disconcerted.
Eveo BT was seen as a pos-

shot for Pearson, up 12.5p to C&W's role is regarded as 4

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at C&W's important Hoog Kong Telecom off-shoot. It could, it is felt, dilute its 58 per cent shareholding in HKT in exchange for the Far Eastern group achieving a significant in-volvement in the Chinese telephone industry.
Footsie ended a lacklustre

sible casualty, falling 4p to 354p. But the latest burst of excitement provided another session with a 15.9 points fall to 4,057.2. Even a satisfactory £2bn gilts auction, with a 3.57 cover, was ignored. Still, the

cable company. There is a suspicion that the deal could inforecasts from £848m to dicate possible developments £818m and £975m to £930m. Other stockbrokers also lowered their estimates.

British Energy's surge came to an abrupt halt as Morgan Stanley suggested a switch into National Power; Energy fell 4.5p to 121p and NP rose 5.5p to 385p. The remaining electricity distributors were firm on a combination of Cazenove support and take over gossip.

Bass was flat, off 11p at 787p

on the Independent's report of

senger fees at the group's three London amports. The suggestions were seen as favourable for BAA and Lehman Broth-

ers repeated its buy advice. Rolls-Royce moved higher on US support. It is reported to have hopes of supplying spares to the Argentine navy. The shares gained a further 3.5p to 267.5p.
United Assurance, the

merged Refuge and United Friendly, rose 14p to 455p with talk of a 485p "fair value". The new group could eventu-ally emerge as a candidate for Footsie membership, prompt-ing some front running by in-

stitutional buyers.

Reckitt & Colman's innova-

89 per cent take up, pulling in

pproaching £200m.
Wembley was firm at 405p as its role as the nation's new susports bodies which use the sta-ment and wants to open 3 latest sporting goods retailer to arrive, scored a rewarding debut, hitting 306.5p (after 310p) from a 285p placing.

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terest in the Kwik Save food chain, where takeover talk is never far below the surface, as PDFM edged its stake to 17.07 per cent. The shares were lit-

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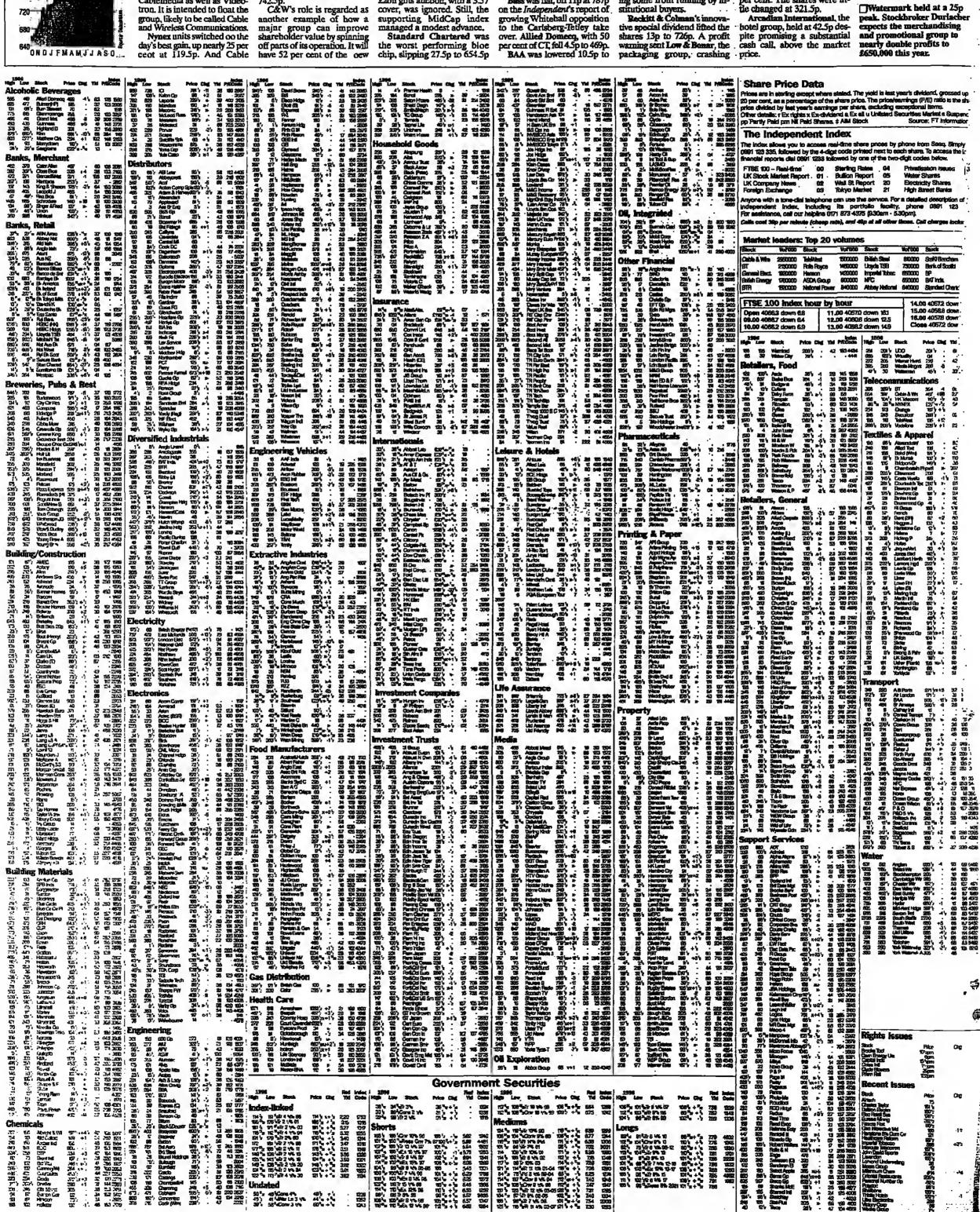
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Hollioake primed to make a point

One hundred and fifty years ago, a trip to Australia usually meant two things: a long sea voyage and the start of a new life in testing circumstances. Later today the England A tcam embark for the same destination, but if air travel has Mike Gatting, and his captain, drastically shrunk the journey time, the circumstances remain, and harsh treatment awaits

Since their regular inception seven years ago, England A tours have achieved several notable successes. Apart from the goodwill they manage to gen-erate in places such as Pakistan and Sri Lanka - underblessed by the presence of England's main team - they have also helped school and mature the likes of Graham Thorpe and Dominic Cork, both key members of the current Test side.

Initially sceptical, Australia too have now embraced the A team habit, although in truth they probably believe theirs too strong for the Pommie equivalent, who failed to win a single first-class game against weakened state opposition there four years ago.

It is a brag not entirely without foundation, and one given further credibility following the embarrassing (at least from England's point of view) World Series final on the last Ashes tour, when Australia's "One" and "Two" competed against one another as if in a breezy trial for the America's Cup, England and Zimbabwe both having been eliminated in the prelim-

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Azharuddin, whose reaction to

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England A with a stern test of ability, says **Derek Pringle**

Australia provides

Adam Hollioake, are determined to alter. Gatting, a late replacement for Graham Gooch - who withdrew once his father's illness was diagnosed is one of the few England captains to have tasted success in Australia, winning back the Ashes in 1986-87.

Apart from preparing the next generation of cricketers to play in England colours, Gatting believes There is important Ashes reconnaissance to be done on this tour, before the Australians' visit next summer.

Hollioake, Australian born, but English schooled, bas a more myopic view of the trip, however, believing that England have a long overdue point to prove to their hosts, that only victory can uphold.

"Keeping an eye out for who they might have for next sum-mer is Gatt's job," Hollioake said after a knock against the Surrey bowling machine in the indoor nets on Monday. "I don't want to get involved with that. I just want to beat them,

winning every game if we can."
Although such dominance, particularly on recent evidence, unlikely, the selectors have foregone the recent accent on youth to make the squad more

inary stages. Instead, they have opted for a 14-man squad that hlends the

Escape for Azharuddin the field after the former Indian captain was visibly apset at being given out lbw to Jason Gillespie. Playwas interrupted for 20 minutes, "Azharuddin's behaviour led to the incidents," Reid sald. "I've talked strongly to Azharuddin and the Indian manager, Madan Lal, but there will be no further action."

cricketers such as Peter Such, Craig White, Jason Gallian and Mark Ealham, with the promise of players like Mark Butcher and Ashley Giles, through to the decidedly damp-eared 18-yearold, Owais Shah.

There are, as Gatting dutifully points out, possible places up for grabs in the senior team next summer for those who perform well. More importantly though, it will be really young players like Shah who are likely to be best served by early exposure to the Australian brand of non-filtertipped cricket.

However, if the trips of predecessors are anything to go by, it will be the seam bowling trio of Glenn Chapple, Dean Headley and Derbyshire's Andy Harris who will find conditions

Australians have long har-boured a view that all English fast bowlers are pie throwers and, despite being seduced by tales of quick pitches and trampoline bounce, few have fared well. It is important the new ball is not squandered, and concentration will be almost as crucial as aggression when furnace-like winds blow in from the red interior.

Despite the absence of any representative match, the important games for England A will be the four-day matches against South Australia, Victoria and Queensland, as well as the match against the Academy at Mount Gambier. There is no such thing as an easy game in Australia and England A will do well to remind themselves of that at every available op-

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Yankees left under no illusions

Baseball

RUPERT CORNWELL

The New York Yankees may yet come back from a 2-0 deficit and win the 1996 World Series. First, however, they will have to achieve the toughest feat in con-temporary baseball - scoring a few runs off the Atlanta Braves'

Following the postponed Game One 12-1 drubbing on Sunday, the Braves inflicted a smaller but no less comprehensive 4-0 defeat on Monday, thanks to a devastating pitching performance by Greg Mad-dux, which reduced the normally rowdy Yankee Stadium to virtual silence.

Maddux, who gave up six hits over eight innings, was irresistible. He threw just 82 pitches. 62 of them strikes. Only once was he hit hard to the outfield, "He's an illusionist," the veteran Yan-kee third baseman Wade Boggs said after he had grounded into a sixth inning double play that killed the Yankees' one real chance of the evening.

And no relief is sight. John Smoltz, Maddux and Tom Glavine - Cy Young winners all - could be the finest starting trio In the history of the sport. "You don't see pitching like this every day," Joe Torre, the Yankees

manager, said wryly. "Unfor-tunately, we're seeing it every

Last night, as the Series moved to Atlanta for Game Three, it was Glavine on the mound. Glavine just happens to lead the major leagues with 106 victories in the last six seasons and boasts a combined 4-2 record and 1.83 ERA over three World Series in 1991, 1992 and 1995.

With its tiny margins between success and failure, baseball is the greater leveller among sports. In the last three games of the National League championship series against St Louis and the first two of the

World Series, the Braves have outscored their opponents by a combined 48-2, and that kind of

streak cannot last much longer. But the Yankees can draw scant consolation. To bring the Series back to New York for the final two games, they must now take two out of three in Atlanta where the games will be played under National League rules, without the designated hitter.

Only two teams in Series history have lost the first two games at home and gone on to win. Far more likely that Atlanta will emulate the equally awesome 1975/76 Cincinnati Reds, and wrap up a second consecutive championship with a sweep.

Rusedski sets up **Becker** meeting

Tennis

Greg Rusedski, the British No 2, produced one of his best performances of the year in beating Spain's Carlos Moya 6-3, 6-4, in the first round of the Stuttgart Open yesterday. Rusedski was too powerful and his serving too strong for Moya, a clay-court specialist. Rusedski now meets Boria

Becker in the second round and will fancy his chances of an upset. In January, the Canadian born 23-year-old led Becker by two sets to one before losing in the first round of the Australian Open, a tournament which the

German went on to win. Becker, who dropped out of the Czech Indoor event at Ostrava last week because of wrist trouble, has yet to play this week after receiving a firstround bye. In contrast, Rusedski has played four matches in four days as he was forced to play

in the qualifying competition. To date he has not lost a set. having previously beaten Andrei Pavel of Romania, Joost Winnink of the Netherlands and the Czech Republic's David Riki in

his three qualifying matches. Michnel Sticb bas asked Wally Masur to try to guide him back to the top of the game. Ma-sur, a former Australian Davis Cup player, will work with Stich at this week's Stuttgart Open and next week's Paris indoor tournament. The pair will decide afterwards if he is to become the German's next coach.

Stich, who has fallen to 20th in the world rankings, beat the Dutchman Paul Haarhuis 7-5, 6-1 in the first round in Stuttgart

esterday.
Andrei Medvedev, the runner-up in the Paris Open three years ago, has withdrawn from this year's event at Bercy with a shoulder injury. The Ukrainian will be replaced by Italy's Renzo Furlan. The organisers have granted wild cards to the former French Open champion Sergi Bruguera of Spain and the French trio of Guy Forget, Guillaume Raoux and Lionel Roux.

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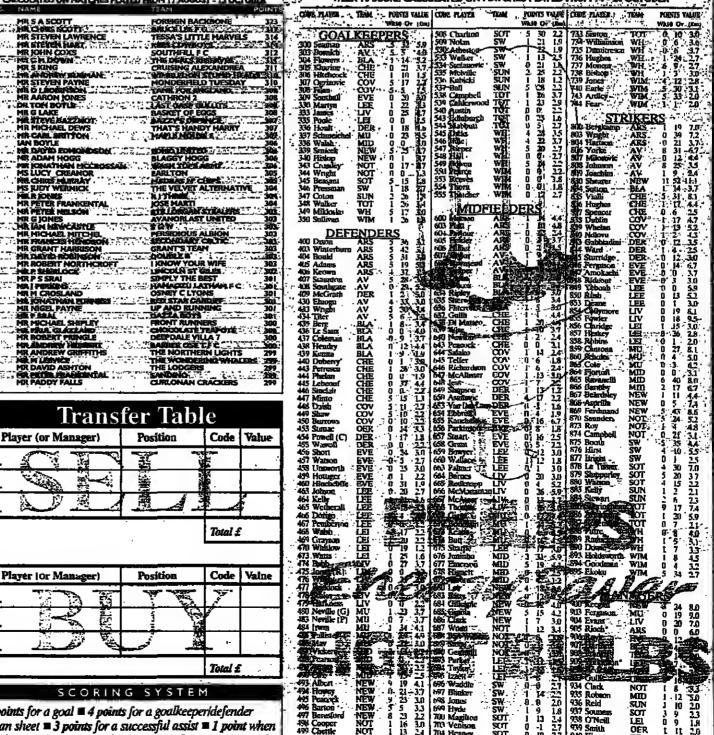
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Star outsider crashes Cup party

A missionary for the absurd arrived at Woodbine racetrack yesterday and his oame is Dr Livingstoo. It has always been presumed that the Breeders' Cup would represent the ultimate test inr ultimate horses, but William H Livingston came hacking through the jungle yes-terday with comfortably the worst beast ever to appear at the

It has taken Livingston five days to box-drive the sevenyear-old gelding Ricks Natural Star from his base in Artesia, New Mexico, and there are no guarantees that the horse will complete the mile and a half of Saturday's Turf any quicker.

Ricks Natural Star has never run nn grass or over 12 fur-longs and the last time he ginried on the race course was in a \$3,500 claiming race at Rnidoso Downs, New Mexico, last year. He was last, as he had been nn his previous two starts.

Ricks Natural Star was hred by 69-year-old Richard "Dub" Rice, whn says he will not reach 70 if the gelding emerges with any sort of credit at the weekend. "If he had been worth anything, we would have kept him hut we sold him befure he ever raced," he said. "Every horse nut of his dam [Malaysian Star] has had a breathing problem of some kind. We couldn't do any-

thing with him.

"Are you sure you've got the right horse here? If this horse stretched his legs on a gentle

GOING: Good to Pirm.

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1.50 Iktasab 2.20 Cashflow Crisis 2.50 Gold-

enswift 3.20 Fleur De Tal 3.50 Chickabilddy 4.20

E Course is five miles south-west of Excess on ASS, ADMISSION: Grandstand & Paddock 59; Silver Ring 54.50 (accompanied under-16s free), CAR PARE; \$2 on rails; \$2 members; remainder free.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Against The Clock (3.20); General Monktar (visored, 4,20).
WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: Cashflow Crisis (3,20) won

at Exeter on Wednesday.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Profession (4.20) has been sent.

177 miles by F Gray from Warninglid, West Susser.

1.50 KRAFT JACOB SUCHARD NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 1f 110yds

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BETTING: 4-7 Stanset, 3-1 Edgemoor Prince, 10-1 Steer Poles, 14-1 Decor, 16-1 Mr Jusper, 33-1 Lifty The Fifty, 50-1 Austin's Dismond

2.20 KITSONS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS G) £2,450 added 2m If 110yds

1 D2-2050 SOVERHOR HOCKE (97) (D) M Pipe 8 11 10 A P Medby 6 507//4 TO BE FAIR (46) (C) P Hobbs 9 11 7 Francy (S) 3 5340/44 GLOWING PATH (11) (D) R Hodge 6 11 8

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Cup you can just cross me off your list because I think I would just keel over."

portant nomination to the Breeders Cup series) three months ago for \$3,000. The 66-year-old veterinarian, who says his practice ranges "from para-keets to elephants", has oever trained a borse before and has held his first licence for a week. He sees this apparent callowness as nn bar to success in Toronto. "We're going to win it," he told me. "Put \$300 on him

and get yourself a new car." Ricks Natural Star's price will be such on Saturday that a wager of that magnitude would earn enough to buy General Motors. William Hill offer 100-1

does any good in the Breeders' Richard Edmondson reports from Toronto with the horse that he offered ber the ride in Canada. The pair day the caravan of the ridiculous on the odyssey of an American no-hoper

Dr Livingston bought Ricks and heaven only knows where a strendous time in keeping his Natural Star (and his all-imall the other zeros have gone. all the other zeros have gone. The good doctor did not look exactly scrubbed-up for surgery yesterday and few peo-

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Cashflow Crisis (Exeter 2.20) -NB: Nariskin (Newcastle 2.40)

ple would have let him near their pets. He was tired and stubbly and he drawled through his story. Bits of oat were sprinkled on his jumper and a cowbuckle, appeared to be having tummy at bay. Livingston's expedition start-

ed on Timrsday morning, when Breeders' Cup organisers re-alised to their mestimable chagrin that sufficient horses were dropping out of the Turf in allow Ricks Natural Star a run. By Friday, the hallowed crucible that is Remnington Park race track in Oklahoma City had been reached and the horse stopped off for a bit of work. He recorded 1:21 and 2/5ths over six furlongs, which is not thought to be a course record.

The rider that day was Sally Williams, who so delighted Livineston with her initial affinity

are well matched. In a 15-year career Sally Williams has ridden great trek was over. Livingston just 49 winners. She has never competed in a stakes race of any kind. That night, as trainer and jockey talked Toronto tactics, Ricks Natural Star moved into

an outside stable. By Sunday the team had reached Detroit, but the athlete still did not have a roof over his head. He was corralled by rope behind a motel as Livingston be-gan to wonder if the authorities were ganging up. "They tried to talk me out of the whole thing to start with," he said. "And there was some trouble at the border. They may have encouraged them to be assholes there, but it maybe that they just

the aroma of manure. SR38 a drug that alleviates shipping fever in cattle - and a patented product that prevents pre-mature ageing. The last named will be of particular use to the Breeders' Cup executives.

As an early part of the build-up yesterday the Doc invited one of the British press corps to vault on to his horse's hack, a invitation that was duly taken

pulled into Woodbine, and the

estimates it will take him five

years to recover financially from this escapade, as he has dis-

persed about \$50,000 in entry fees and travel. And he's more

than happy to welcome those who wish to ease his financial

The man who has developed

a treatment for horses inflicted

with navicular disease has three

more "projects" on the go and

needs money to develop them.

Choose from a fertiliser minus

Then, with boldness growing, Dr William H Livingston, outlined the future for the machine that is Ricks Natural Star. He has forwarded entry papers to the Orient and is awaiting news nn whether his gelding will receive the call for the Hong Koog Invitational. "I only want to run him in \$100,000-plus races," he said. "And I think that would be one hell of a trip."

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= 20 declared = BETHWG: 5-1 Saddichous, 6-1 Here Comes A Star, Don Pape, 7-1 Caver Yangtons, 8-1 Castleren Lnd, Vant New Way, 10-1 others

4.10 CALDER PRINT HANDICAP (CLASS F) (DIV I) £2,950 added 1m 2f

OUTE TO SEE 4.00 Sporting Fellow 2.30 Zaima 4.30 Courtship 5.00 Family Man 3.00 Rock The Barney

3.30 Intikhab

GORNG: Good to firm.

STALLS: Scraight course – far side; rest = inside. DEAW: High best for 5f to 8f.

Elechand course, level and fair.

Bacectome is Not form on A149. Yarmouth station 1rs. AOMISSION: Club £12; Tutersills £8.50; Family and course enclosure 54.50. CAR PARK: £1.

■ LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: C & Britain — 34 witners from 167 respects gives a success ratio of 14.4% and a profit to a 24 level stake of 541.70; R & A Coefl — 23 winners, 96 runners, 24.4%, £38.14; R Thomsons Jones — 22 winners, 82 mayers, 89 maners, 22.7%, ±41.86; J E M Gooden — 21 winners, 95 maners, 22.7%, ±40.07; M HDIs — 29 winners, 165 rides, 17.6%, ±510.80; L Dettorf — 28 winners, 142 rides, 19.7%, ±48.83; W Ryun — 26 winners, 150 rides, 17.3%, ±39.30.

BLINKERED 1st THER Biston Park (±30). WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DATS: None. LONG-DESTANCE HUNNERS: Premier (±30). Polar Fight (±30). Treals Tyrant (±3.00) & Residens Spirit (±3.00) sent 218 miles by M Johnston from Middleham, N Yorkshire; Tee Tee Too (±3.00) sent 219 miles by Miss M Milligan from Middleham, N Yorkshire.

2.00 RUNHAM MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added 3YO 1m 3yds Penalty Value £3,894 352400 POWAL ACTION (CA) (F Caner) J Banks 9 0
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YURGAN HOPE, who did not see a reaccourse until August, is having her seth run afree ing shown promise on her first two starts at six furiorits, she ran Runy close over this at Sandown before disappointing at Epson. Yukon Alope, the first toal of an unrated for the Reference Point, bounced back at Pointefact this morth with a two-length as 14 to Caryon Creek. Roger Charlina also runs Medettee, fourth to Threadneede Street bury before disappointing behind Pastamak over 10 furioris at Beth on softsh gou a bord to need further than a mile. Rush Gift, stablement to Threadneedie Street, in ing her fast run in almost 15 months when third to Robamicsot at Leopstor last wee through numer-up Lucky Archer suggests there may not be much between her and Yuko Cabinabelle has not been out since finishing that in a Ripon madden back in April. To filly clearly has ability, though, and is the mount of Fornice Detron. Selection: YUKO

2.30 BILLOCKBY NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 2YO 1m 3yds Penalty Value £3,993

PETEND: 5-2 Social Pillar, 7-2 Polar Flight, 4-1 Zalme, 5-1 Ink Pot, 5-1 Time Can Yell, 12-1 Irish Findon, 14-1 Fancy A Fortune, 15-1 others FORM GUIDE

WOBBLE may well show algoritomat improvement now that he is in a numery. The Kris gleiding, was quite well backed on his debut here (6h in July but could finish only a well-bester lifth to Sambac. He are green when sixth to Intikhab at Pontefract but still showed promise and his saddle slipped at Warwick lest time in Crystal Hearted's Roce. Wobbie Brished more than 10 sance supped at warvict est one in Crystal Hearted's Roce. Wobble Intered more than 10 lengths admit of Polar Flight at Ponteiract and has only a 10th put, but he is bred for this sort of the at least, whereas Polar Right has a speady pedigner. Thue, Mark Johnston's cold again ran well to be fourth to Britjath at Wanvick and seemed to find seven an insufficient staminar test, but there are doubts about him getting a mit. Social Pillar has shown up well in each of his three runs over seven furlangs, lest time finishing out to Austhriaer at Newmarket. Zalama broke his duck in his first nursery at Redear, besting Plan For Profit half a length, and should go well again off a 51b higher mark.

Selection: WOBBLE

3.00 MARTHAM SELLING HANDICAP (CLASS G) £3,000 added 1m 3f 101yds Penalty Value £2,784

20 0000-00 LA TRULE (8) (Nes M +Nes) T Encirgion 4 7 10 M Heaty (5) 4

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hetrises: 9-2 Comedy Meer, 5-1 El Bendador, 6-1 McCollycaddy Reeks, 8-1 Pat's Splendow, 12-1 Quillwork, Hauto Calabas, 14-1 others

FORM GUIDE PORM GUIDE

MCGRELICUDDY RESERVA has been showing signs of 8 return to form in recent weeks, first when fourth to El Bardador here, besten four lengths, with Quillwork minth and Junior Ren 10th of 18. Nigel Tinkler's mans, a winning hurder, showed the benefit of the step up to this distance when their third to Te drop at leavest here must fillware contains and behind the distance when their third to Te drop at leavest here must fillware Culture and behind the distance. and looks to have an excellent chance returned to selling company. El Bardador was wearing first-time blinkers when winning here. He was well seaten at York less time, along with Rock The Barney, in Yolis Premiere's race and meets the selection 12th worse for four lengths. Camedy River is in good form and took advertage of a good handcap mark to win at War-Commonly, River is in good form and took advertage of a good handcap mark to win at War-wick last time, with Park Splendour just over 8 length behind third, Yallow Dragon his run wice over furdles since finishing fourth, beaten 15 lengths, behind Cornetly River at Linguis (AW) last month. He is on a good mark on turt. Selection: MCGRUJCUDDY REPS

3.30 MAUTEY CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS C) £7,200 added 2YO 6f Penalty Value £5,427 1 21 BEUGHAR (USA) (27) (D) Chardon A Maldoum) O Morley 9 2 R Hills 3
2 4 RESTLESS SPRET (USA) (37) (Shelki Mohammel) M Johnston 8 11 M Roberts 1
3 40 TURKLE MOON (4) (P O Soalin M Tomplers 8 11 M Tomplers 2 11 M Tomplers

IMIRINAB, second to Sevenity at Room on his debut, went one better with a convincing win from Polar Flight at Pontefract test month and should be able to accre again. It is interesting that Mark Johnston, traker of Polar Flight (runs in the 2.30), takes on Intiliable again, this time with Residues Spirit, who looked badly in need of his first run when fourth to Telementa it Notingham. He is sure to improve but the form has taken a few knocks. Turtle Moon looks be here as the death.

4.00 WICKHAMPTON MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) (DIV I) £4,250 added 2YO 7f Penalty Value £3,357 3 SPORTING FELLOW (B) (Mara Al Makloum) M Stoute 90 MACARONE BEACH (Mrs David Slotts C British 8 9...

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4.30 WICKHAMPTON MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) (DIV II) £4,250 added 2YO 7f Penalty Value £3,327 J SIGNEY AND CONTROL OF MANUAL STATES AND CONTROL OF MANUAL CONTRO

5.00 THRIGHY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 1m 2f Pensity Value £4,457 LEGISTON MATTER TOOL OF THE CONTROL OF T

SELTENC: 13-4 Ocura, 4-1 Zilciare, 6-1 Lady of Leisure, 7-1 Sadier's Well, 6-1 Melt The Cloud Hippy, Subbia Wings, 19-1 others

dex Chase at Cheltenham on 17



Esteem granted a gentle introduction

Mark Of Esteem gave North tour of the mile and a half cir-America its first glimpse of Encount. John Gosden's Shantou rope's leading Breeders' Cup walked round the dirt track, accontender as he stepped out of companied by local pony Lots his quarters at Woodbine, Of Dots.

Toronto yesterday. The hnt favourite for the Mile led the Godolphin quartet nut of the quarantine barn on to Canadian soil for a first experience of the turf track. To-

They were the only members of the British team to emerge from their lodgings yesterday following an uneventful eighthour flight into Toronto the previous evening. Saeed bin Suroor, the Godnlphin trainer, said: "They travelled very well. We've checked the horses and

2.50 BOOKER FOODSERVICE DUCHY OF CORN-WALL CUP NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D)

£6,000 added 2m 6f 110yds

BETTING: 5-4 Goldenmilt, 9-2 for Phyloff, 6-1 Rest Day, 8-1 Varock E. Our Midd, Nilogos, 14-5 Yes We Are

3.20 KITSONS HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS F)

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4 011:33-4 TRICE A FLYER (6) (0) R Hodge 8 10:10 ... T Descents (3) 8
5 0-65323 LITTLE MODILIAN (7) (c) G Edwards 5:10:10 ... A P MoDily 8
8 335-P36 WARTER ROSE (11) M Shepped 5:10 7 ... B Powell 7 (V213-2 SHORT SAPPHINE (7) 0 Burdsel 10:10 4 ... D 3 Burdsel 9 UUQP43- MR FLITTS (562) J Took (10:10 3... B Reliancy 9 P03004- REFLATIVE CHANCE (175) J King 7:10 0 ... M Williamson 10: 366016- All LARRANNA (198) (5) M 1-8 5:10 0 ... S Fex. 11:10 1999-1999 SHOW BOARD (14) Min Mortin Jones 7:10 0 ... D Symmetric Michigan (15) Min Min Jones 7:10 0 ... D Symmetric Michigan (15) Min Min Jones 7:10 0 ... D Symmetric Michigan (15) Min Min Jones 7:10 0 ... D Symmetric Michigan (15) Min Min Jones 7:10 0 ... D Symmetric Michigan (15) Min Min Jones 7:10 0 ... D Symmetric Michigan (15) Min Min Jones 7:10 0 ... D Symmetric Michigan (15) Min Min Jones 7:10 0 ... D Symmetric Michigan (15) Min Min Jones 7:10 0 ... D Symmetric Min

SSE JULI. SETTIME: 3-1. Secor Hourd, 5-1. Bright Supphire, 6-1. Flour de Tal, Little Hooligan, 7-1 Dominiou's Domm, 3-1. Take A Flyar, Hambon, 10 others

3.50 BOOKER FOODSERVICE NOVICE HAND-ICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,400 added 2m

5 JATECO CHUROLANO (21) J Douby 20 10 0 _______ I Lawrence - 5 declared -BETTING: 7-4 Lord Hitrogen, 9-4 Joint Third, 5-2 Phyling Yount, 9-2 Chick-

4.20 BOOKER FOODSERVICE NOVICE HURDLE

(CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 8f

1f 110vds

PF/FPOC- YES WE ARE (2009) A Barrow 10 10 9.

£3,500 added 2m 3f

them a steady canter to get to know the track. Tomorrow they will go faster and on Thursday they could have a blow out on the turf. Frankie Dettori, who also

rides Shantou and probably Tamayaz, is not expected to arrive until later in the week. Singspiel, the nne British

there are no problems. On the first day we just wanted to give them a steady canter to get to ternational last month. The Michael Stoute-trained

Turf challenger, joint favourite with the American Diplomatic Jet for his event, could find ground conditions almost iden-tical to last time, according to Kevin Bradshaw, his work rider. "It's very similar to before, on the soft side of good on the challenger with previous experience of Woodbine, will run on side," Bradshaw said.

- 20 declared -BETTING: 3-1 Kennsings, 4-1 Sir Arthur Hobbs, 5-1 Diamond Crows, 10 1 Ponky, 12-1 Lucky Bea, 10-1 Haldo'hart, Meofaji, 20-1 others 1.40 Bayin 2.10 Society Rose (nb) 2.40 Rihan 3.10 Lucky Bea 3.40 Here Comes A Star 4.10 Bold Enough 4.40 Stuffed 5.10 CUBAN REEF (nap) 3.40 COOPERS & LYBRAND HANDICAP (CLASS E) (DIV II) £3,700 added 6f

GOING: Good to Firm (Good in places). STALLS: Straight course — stands side; round course — inside. DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 6f & 6f; Low for 3f to 10f. III Left-hand, oval course; tough, galloping track.

Course is on A1, but north of town. Metro service to Four Lands station from Newcestle relivery station. But service from there Ends station from Newcastle reflumy station. Bus service to Four Lane ADMISSION: Club £18 (OAPs £10); Tattersalls £9 (OAPs £7); Silver Ring 54 (£2 for OAPs and registered disabler). CAR PARK: Free.

EMINITERED FIRST TIME: Amy Leigh (3.40), Our Albert (vi-sored, 3.40), Castleres Lad (visored, 3.40), Enfters (4.10), Deniville Dancer (5.10).
WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DATS: Stuffed (4.40) won as Pon-tefract on Munday.

LONG DISTANCE EUNNERS: Santa Bosa (2.10) & Naciskia (2.40) have been sent 342 miles by J Dunlop from Arandel, West

1.40 COOPERS & LYBRAND HANDICAP (CLASS E) (DIV I) £3,700 added 6f

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E8.70; £2.50, £4.70, £4.40, £7.30. DP. £92.90. CSF: £172.06. Tricast: £2,738.76. Tro: £813.40. 4.30: 1. \$47.80** \$QUEST (D Hamborn) 18-1: 2. \$manner Risotto £5:1; 3. Mileo's Douplan 6-1; 4. Wild Nettle 33-1. 16 mm. 4-1 tw Down, ½, hd. (D Abudhot, Compren). Teles £13.00; £3.60, £5.50, £1.60, £12.50. DF. £514.50. \$75.50. \$75.50. \$75.50. \$75.50.

DF: £519.50. CSF: £339.93. Tricast: 4-1; 3. Teather Boy 12-1; 3. Belletor 6-1; 4. Triby 12-1. 18 res. 11-4 by Tart. 1, 6. (M Ryan, Newmarket). Tota: £4.60; £1.50, £2.70, £1.50, £3.20. DP: £32.40. CSP:

7-2: 2. Sommerrosa 5-4 Ser; 3. Kinem-Ib 111.18 rms. Hd, hd. (M Strouts, Newmerket).
Tokes £4.50; £1.60; £1.30, £3.30. DF: £4.00.
£55: £6.43. Trice £12.60.
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Berns, Webstpool). Tokes £11.70; £2.20,
£1.90, £5.80. DF: £27.20. CSP: £68.80. Thcast: £584.98. Trice £300.50 (part word).
3.00: 1. CLAN BEN (Part Eddeny) 5-1; 2.
Webbon Armedel 33-1; 3. Des-Larby 50-1.
13 ran. 11-3 Sev Calential Key (Bm). 1½. 1½.
(H Cock). Newmerked). Tokes £5.10: £1.90,
£4.00, £8.10. DF: £18.70. CSP: £128.46.
Trice £246.00. 52.10, E130, E320, P. 13240, CSF 54.13. Thicast £280.24. This £77.20. NR: Cabellus & May King Mayhem, Jacquet not won (pool of £26,643.08 car-ried forward to Meascestle today), Quadpot: £218.40. Plecepot: £731.30. Place & £705.08. Place 5: £445.18. PLUMPTON

coness 50-1. 6 ram. Srt.-hd, 19. (M Pips, Wellington). Teter £1.10; £1.00, £2.30, DP. £1.70. CSP. £1.60.
3.10: 1. PRESTORATIVE (A P McCoy) 15-8; 2. Eitte Sovernor 4-1; 3. Lartis Tail 20-1. 6 ram. 7-4 fev icentals (4th. 12, 27, H Howe, Twerton). Toter £2.20; £1.20, £2.30. DP. £4.60. CSP. £9.35.
3.40-1. £24.888 (A Propert) 5.4: 2. Ress. DF: £29.00, CSP: £31.67.7/icest: £365.49. Tric: £188.00. Tite: £138.00.

3.20: 1. FRWLEY FLYER (R Durwoody) 9-4; 2. Gredit Controller 9-1; 3. Tibbs inn 33-1; 7 ran. 2-1; fav Whisting Buck (4th), 11, nt. (W Yume). Toter £2.80; £1.80, £2.10.

OP. £7.70. CSF: £20.12. Ticast: £470.19.

Tite: £108.90. NR: Dor's Coat & Ray Fiver.
3.50: 1. ZAMBEZ! SPERT (D Byme) 11-4; tay; 2. Milen's An Ace 4-1; 3. Black Charch 11-4; first. £4.81.11.4. (Mr. Med. Ac.)

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WARWICK

4.40: 1. HAME TON SUK () Osborna) 5-6 for; 2. Knizari 3-1. 2 res. 6. (M Pipe, Walington), Totes £1.70, DF; £2.60, CSF; £3.38. (Only two finished). Quedgot: £8.30. Placepot: £9.30. Place &: £8.35. Place &: £8.05. had four winners at Warwick ve

other winner was Hamilton Silk (5-6),

Pice Boilet 9s: 8b, Weston Rombier 9s: 8b. BCTIBNE 9s-4 Castriow Crisiu, 4-1 Nortic Crows, 6-1 To Be Pair, 5-1 Sovereign Nicho, 6-1 Glowing Park, 10-1 Cabustur, 14-1 others PRE-LAUNCH OFFER ENDS NOVEMBER 30 Sporting Life's racing database for less than £10 per week* New version available October 28 medices for

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Luca Cumani has not yet booked a jockey for his Racing Post Trophy runner Poteen but the colt was nevertheless heavily backed yesterday for Saturday's contest at Doncaster.

Poteen's odds were cut from 10-1 to 5-1 by Ladbrokes for the last Group One race of the season. Coral also reported strong support, cutting him to 9-2 (from 8-1) and the Tote go 11-2 from 10-1. William Hill now offer only 9-2.

Many of the leading riders are in Canada at the weekend for the Breeders' Cup, leaving Cumani, the colt's trainer, in a quandary over riding arrange-

Oscar Urbina is a regular rider for Cumani but he has been provisionally pencilled in for Newbury where his mounts include Mons in the St Simon Stakes. Urbina's agent Tony Hind said: "There's still a chance everything could be changed round and he will be going to Doncaster."

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Tony McCoy and Martin Pipe both McCoy riding three of them for Pipe. McCoy rode Doctor Green (4-6), Indian Jockey (1-7), Evangelica (13-8) for Pipe and Prerogative (15-8) for accu-mulative odds of just over 13-1. Pipe's

3.40:1. CLURAIN (A Thorson) 9-4: 2. Rose

Snip for Index Several changes have been made to the course for the second running of the Sporting In-

November after Leagaune was killed 12 months ago. An international field includes Its A Suip, a former winner of the Pardubice, while the promising Irish Stamp and last year's winoer McGregor The Third are also expected to take part.



sport

Unforced errors litter Lions' Maori defeat

Rugby League

DAVE HADFIELD reports from Whangarei New Zealand Maons Great Britain

Great Britain still cannot win a match in New Zealand, setting up an unwanted record here last night by becoming the first Lions tourists to lose to a Maori side. It was a defeat which was selfinflicted as well as historic, with glaring errors near their own line responsible for four of the seven tries Great Britain conceded.

Enthusiastic apposition coached by the former Carlisle trainer Cameron Bell and led by a player of the pedigree of Tawera Nikau did nnt need any repeated invitations. They inflicted a third defeat of the tour so far to put a further cloud over Britain's preparations for the secood Test nn Friday.

enough, Bernard Dwyer capital-

It was the first match Dwyer had started on the tour, hut it soon went downhill. It was his fumble when trying to run the ball out that gave Jamie Stevens a try that put the Maoris into a lead they were never to lose.

Midway through the half, Paul Rawhihi got a beautiful pass sway to Nikau for the sec-ond and a miserable 10 minutes was rounded off when Steve Prescott failed to take a high kick and Doc Murray scored the first of his two tries.

The tourists fought back before half-time with a solo try from Tony Smith and a remarkable display of strength from David Bradbury, who carried three men nn his back for the last 10 yards to the try line. However, Britain's flair for

self-destruction soon reasserted itself, with Nathan McAvoy -Britain began brightly drafted in from the Academy squad to avoid risking Barrie-

ising oo a good break from Ino Mather, who might well be Karle Hammond to score the required as a replacement for first try of the match.

required as a replacement for Daryl Powell in Friday's game - losing the ball in the tackle and the veteran Neville Ramsey

Marlon Gardiner's try in the corner, hotly disputed by defenders who felt they had put him into touch, opened up a 12-point gap that, despite Britain twice chipping away at it, proved the eventual difference

between the sides. Hammond's cleverly angled kick sent Prescott in, but Jon Roper's missed tackle soon allowed Jason Walker in reply. James Lowes' kick and chase momentarily revived faint hopes, but Murray's second, also from a kick through, just as quickly snuffed them out.

The Great Britain coach, Phil Larder, tried to separate another disappointing midweek result from the Test side's prospects in Palmerston North, but his face betrayed the depth of his disappointment.

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again," he said. "We made far too many errors near our own line and they punished us for

Quite apart from the string of errors that underlined the lack of any real depth of international quality in this squad, Larder also finished with further

mjury worries.

Mick Cassidy inined the lengthening list of knee injury victims and is unlikely to take any further part in the tour, while Larder also has to assess various other knocks before he can finalise his line-up.

NEW ZEALAND MACRES: Mutter
Henry, Taewa, Gardiner; Stevens, H
Banton, Rawhihi, Sturm, Peaces, Ni

Hull's Chris Kitching scored two tries as Great Britain's Academy side beat the Maori Juniors 36-10



Nowhere to run: Great Britain's Jon Roper tries to break past Jason Walker yesterday Photograph: Victoria Matthers

W they're in

Yes it's true, those superstars in Brussels have entered the movie business. In the interests of European culture they are talking about censoring what you can watch on the box. Bruce. Arnie and Sty are in danger of being banished from your TV screen in favour of Pablo. Pierre and Helmut.

They say that we are exposed to too many American produced movies and programmes and at least 50 of what we watch should be European,

And it is this interference with our freedom of choice that has us at Beck's worried. Could the blockbuster of blers be next for the censors?

Beck's has always featured the potent, eromatic hops of Hallertau and Tettnang and always will. Our barley, chosen in the field by the brew master himself shall keep its leading role. And the supporting cast of glacial spring water and the unique strain of Back's yeast will never be altered. Brussels take note, meddling with our bier really would prove to be 'Mission Impossible'.

Barrichello to join Stewart

Motor racing

DERICK ALLSOP

Rubens Barrichello, the 24year-old Brazilian released by Jordan-Pengeot, is the "experienced" driver chosen to guide Stewart-Ford through their formative period in Formula One.

Grand prix racing's newest team yesterday announced a three-year deal with Barrichello, who will partner Jan Magnussen, the Dane already signed on a long-term contract. Jackie Stewart, the team

principal, stressed his belief that stability would be crucial in their development programme and revealed a long-standing

respect for Barrichello.
"We're delighted to have
Rubens with us from the start,"
Stewart said. "We've seen his talent perhaps as few others have because we competed against him in both Formula Three and Formula 3000. He's got speed and his experience in Formula One is just what we

"We said from the outset we wanted a driver with Formula One experience alongside a young up and coming talent. Rubens brings experience to complement the raw taleot nf Jan, but he is still young enough himself and can continue to develop his talent as he helps us build the team."

When Barrichello, who was born in São Paulo, graduated through the racing ranks, he was hailed as the natural successor to Ayrton Senna, emu-

lating his countryman by winning the British Formula Three Championship, His chief opponent that 1991 season was Paul Stewart Racing's David

Coulthard. After competing against Paul Stewart in Formula 3000, Barrichello stepped into the Formula One arena with Jordan in 1993. Four seasons on, he parted company with the team, his career apparently in neutral if not reverse. The potential world champion had become one of the great under-achievers.

Stewart, however, appeared undeterred by suggestions Barrichello lacks the dedications and application required at this level, and has given him the chance to relaunch his Formula

One career. Barrichello said: "The kind of opportunity I have been presented with by Stewart-Ford doesn't come along every day the chance to build a new Formula One team from the ground up. I wouldn't have done it at this stage of my career if I were nnt completely confident in Jackie and Paul Stewart's ability to get the job.

Heinz-Haraid Frentzen made his debut in a Williams car nn the first of four days of testing at Estoril, Portugal, yester-day. The 29-year-old German, whn has moved from the Sauber team for whom he hasdriven since 1992, is to partner Jacques Villeneuve, replacing. the world champion, Damon Hill, at the Oxfordshire-based. team next season.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Football

(7.30 unless stated)
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Marsfield (7.0); Wissian v York (7.0). Third:
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Marsfield (7.0); Schooley V Third:
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Rugby Union

Speedway

Other sports

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32. Brighton v Falhar
33. Cardiff v Layton Orient
34. Chester v Hestord
35. Exter v Hestord
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37. Northerspron v Deringson
38. Sceptorugh v Mensfield
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29 Wales v Stockport

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Lou Macari's belief in hard graft and application got his Stoke side to the First Division play-offs last season, where they lost to Leicester City

first to admit he's a lot fitter than

when he arrived. When you're

in peak condition, it always

gives you a start on your

tie may prove an ear and eye-

opener for Wenger, an Arsenal side containing two former Stoke stalwarts, Lee Dixon and

Steve Bould, know what to

expect. Macari would prefer to

be playing "someone with a hit

of a soft touch about them",

rather than the resilient hand

lying second in the Premiership,

hut he draws hope from

at home in this competition and

put out Chelsea last year. Every-thing went right for us on those

occasions, and I do believe that

has to happen if we're to hridge

the gap. But if we run our socks off, and 19,000 of our fans

make life uncomfortable for

them, anything could happen."

"We beat Manchester United

Although the third-round

Macari makes the most of his work ethic

home of 113 years. Lou Macari is confident that the Victoria

Ground will not go quietly. The decibel level tonight. when Macari's team take on Arsenal in the Coca-Cola Cup, promises to be high even by Stoke's vociferous standards. For the London cluh's new manager, Arsène Wenger, the Boothen End in full cry could be quite a culture shock after the all-seated sophistication of

Monacn and Japan. The Frenchman will experience the partisanship uf one of the British game's last great terraces just in time. Next spring. the bulldozers will obliterate whatever is left after the crush barriers and plastic news have been stripped fur souvenirs. Stoke, founded during the Industrial Revolution, will start the following season in a 21st-century citadel half a mile away. The new stadium, tu accom-

the £16m cost? Should the city council be putting up two-thirds of that sum? (Port Vale fans are adamant it should not). And why is Tony Blair pencilled in to perform the opening ceremony

> 'We've got an intimidating little atmosphere here. I hope it won't be sacrificed'

> when Sir Stanley Matthews is president of the club and of supporters' hearts?

Macari, in his second spell at Stoke after an ill-starred sojourn with Celtic, is surprisingly low-key about it att. "I doubt it will make much difference to me." the Stoke manager said, "al-

it's going to help the team. I sometimes wonder whether it will because we've got an intimidating little autosphere at Stoke which I just hope isn't going to be sacrificed by having an all-seater with the spectators further away."

While his chairman, Peter Coates, is often accused of lacking amhition, the rapport between Macari and Stoke's followers is strong. The former Scottish international, now 47, describes them as "a reasonably easy support to please".

"All they ask is value for money from their players," he said. "They want to see them grafting because this is a working-class area. They've got no time for hig-time charlies and we haven't really got any."

The opposite was once true of Stoke. The late Tony Waddington, under whom Stoke won their only major trophy (the League Cup 25 ahead of tonight's game with Arsenal

seasons ago), called football the working man's ballet". From the second coming of Matthews through George Eastham to Alan Hudson, he collected artists with dancing

"Most teams had that type of individual in the Sixties, but they're all gone now," Macari said. "Stoke on Trent isn't the place it was either. There's much more unemployment, so people won't pay out their hard-earned cash if they're not convinced that you're giving

Stoke's work ethic is likely to raise knowing smirks at Celtic, where Macari reputedly had the likes of Charlie Nicholas hoofing the ball high before sprinting to head it on the bounce. Yet their capacity to "grind out results", a phrase he uses with-

play-offs, and Macari admits he feared "big, big trouble" when three out of contract "leader figures" were among six first-teamers who left during the summer. Despite bedding in five

Gerry McMahon, a winger from Spurs, and Graham Kav-

team who put a low premium on skill. However, if any player embodies the benefits of allying work rate to ability it is Mike Sheron. Macari could not un-

'All the Stoke is value for money from their players'

derstand how a striker who had scored regularly in the Premiership as a "raw kid" with Manchester City was unable to turn greater experience into goals at a lower level for

Sheron has scored 25 times in 39 starts since Stoke swapped

Campese prepared for Test No 100

Rugby Union

Whatever the final score agai Italy in Padua on Wednesday European tour will be David

Call him what you will - the world's top test try scorer, legendary entertainer, or just plain Campo – the Australian winger whose retirement has turned into something of an annual event will make his 100th Test appearance in Padua.

Even if the Wallabies win by the tidy margin everyone expects at the Stadio del Plebiscito, Campese is assured of a hero's whom he guided to two titles in

his three years as a resident. He celebrated his 34th hirthday on Monday with old friends. shrugging off any suggestion that partying might not be the best training for a man who has not played for seven weeks. "Can't I celebrate with old friends? I'm Australian. No problem," he told reporters. Apart from being Campese's

100th cap, Wednesday's match will mark the start of his 18th tour with the Wallabies and could bring him a 66th international try.

Only France's Philippe Sella has won more caps - 111 in total and nobody is yet ruling ont the blunt-talking Campese mak-ing a bid for the overall No 1 spot, although he claims he is not fussed by figures. "I'm not interested in records," he said.

Australia's coach, Greg Smith, has made four alterations to the side who were beaten 25-19 by South Africa in Australia's last test in early August, with Tim Horan winning a recall at wing. Horan, who has played most of his 43 Tests in the centres, replaces Ben Tune after missing Australia's last

two Tests with a broken nose. The injured prop Dan Crowley has been replaced by Richard Harry, David Knox returns to the Test fold after a two-year absence places Tim Gavin at No 8.

Australia suffered their first Australia's 55-19 victory over Italy A in Catania, will be re-

placed by Warwick Waugh. Italy, beaten 31-22 hy Wales in their last Test on 5 October. are without their injured captain Massimo Cuttitta, who pulled a muscle in a recent European club match. Massimo Giovanelli, who plays in France for PUC, takes over as captain. Proposed transfer rules in New Zealand ran into a potential threat yesterday when the anti-monopolies watchdog said they could damage com-petition. The New Zealand Rugby Football Union last month established 15 categories of players and corresponding transfer fees, from NZ\$2,000 (£925) for a Third Division development player to \$125,000 for an All Black. The anti-monopolies Commerce Commission, in a draft ruling, said it was unhappy with several aspects of the scheme.

Morgan gets whitewashed by Parrott

modate 28,000, is rising against

Spooker

John Parrott had not beaten Darren Morgan for eight years until they met in the Grand Prix at Bournemouth vesterday, but it was worth the wait for Parrott as he recorded a comprehensive 5-0 whitewash in only 80 minutes to reach the quarter-finals. The result was further proof

that the 1991 world and UK champion has overcome the loss uf his uld cue that went missing in the post last month. "In fact, I'm thinking of offering a reward to the person whu stole it," Parrott joked. "It's the biggest favour I've had done to me in the last four years. Even if it turns up now with my 1974 Christmas cards, I wouldn't use it again." The world No 4's display prompted Morgan to say: 'I'm thinking of getting someone to pinch my cue."

Parrott kicked off with modest runs of 34 and 22 to take the first frame 80-11. He quickly improved, nutching breaks uf 65, 51, 69 and 65 tu lead 4-0 at the mid-session interval. The last frame of the match was the scrappiest and was eventually -lecided on the final vellow.

I know Darren is a top class player, but whenever I've met nim in the past my form has cen awful. Parrott said. But .ow I'm in really good form and here's no reason why I can't go in to win the tournament.

Wharton's waiting game

Henry Wharton will defend his Communwealth super-middleweight title in Halifax tonight while his immediate world championship prospects could he decided in Bucnos Aires.

Whether the new World Boxing Council champion, Rohin Reid, meets South Africa's Sugar Boy Malinga next nr Whartun will be debated at the WBC's convention in Argentina this week.

"It does worry me a little bit about what might happen at the WBC meeting, but I've got to keep my mind off it," said Wharton, who meets Australia's 28-

year-old Rick Thomberry at the Northgate Leisure Centre. "But I'm sensible enough not to start thinking too much about world title fights. I've fought at the top level for many years now, had 10 championship fights and I've proved myself against the top

men in the division." Although Wharton has been the WBC's leading contender for some months, the governing body ordered Vincento Nardielln, defeated by Reid, to meet Malinga for a second time. Reid may now have to take over that commitment. But Wharton may take legal action if he is kept waiting beyond next March's mandatory deadline.

Gillingham resumes fight

An unexpected letter from a London lawyer could persuade Britain's Nick Gillingham to re-launch his attempt to secure the bronze medal that never was at this summer's Atlanta

Olympics. Gillingham's appeal against the reinstatement of the Russian Andrei Korneyev, whu failed a drug test after finishing third in the 200m breaststroke final, appeared to have ground tn a halt a few weeks ago. But, following the letter, Gillingham looks set to continue his hattle for the medal, which he was temporarily awarded after Korneyev's positive test only tu principle."

"I have received a letter out of the blue from a sports lawyer in London who has taken an interest in my case." Gillingham said. "He thinks that I may have a case to overturn it and I hope

lose it after a successful appeal

in Atlanta to become the first British swimmer to win individual medals at three separate Games, said: "I have two choices. I cither pay this guy or take on the case myself and take it to the Court of Human Rights. The whole incident has

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to see him in the next few days."

Gillingham, who was bidding

taken the shine off the medal. The case is now a matter of

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Danes Hall, the England No 1, tras had to withdraw from the German Open which begins in Saarbrucken today. The Esser-based former European champion, who is 31 on Friday, is suffering from flut, but expects to be fit again by the time England's six-metch series against China starts at Easter on 13 November

WORLD SERIES: Atlanta Braves 4 New York Yankees O (Braves lead best-of-seven series 2-0).

Basketball Leicester Riders, the Sudwesser League side, have signed the American guard Nathan Reinking a recent graduate of Kent State University with a reputation as a formidable back court player.

Joe Cetzagle's attempt to win a Lons-dale Belt outright has been put on hold. The British super-middle-weight champ-ion from Newholdge trapped in a hole white on a training run and his sched-uted title defence against Liverpool's Paul Wright in Halitax tonight is off. "Dee's leg is in plaster. They say it is too swollen to X-ray at the moment," Calzagle's manager, Muckey Duff, said. The un-beaten southpaw won the vacant British title by shopping Scotland's Stephen

title by stopping Scotland's Stephen Wilson in eight rounds a year ago. Cal-zagha made a successful first defence by haiting West Ham's Mark Delaney in April. Uverpool have rescheduled their Antield derby with Everton, which was postponed on Sunday because of a waterlogged pitch, for Wednesday, 20 November. Carlo Mazzone, the former Caglarit coach, returned to the Italian Serie A club yesterday, replacing the sacked luguayan Gragorio Perez. Mazzone was dismassed by Roma at the end of last season to make way for Argentine Car-los Bianchi. Herd Graham, the former British and European middleweight champion, wilt fight an American, Terry Ford of Washington, when he comes out of retirement next mornin. Graham, making a comeback at the age of 37, will face Ford at the Concord Specific Centre. Aberdeen are giving a trial to the lea-landic midfielder Haraldur Ingolfsson.

Ford at the Concord Sports Centre, Sheffield, on 26 November in his first fight since he quit after being beeten by Frank Grant in a British title fight four than 3 Contemporarity are a forest landic midfielder Haraldur Ingolfsson.
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Stoke 2 Manchester List D. Pressponed Liverpool victors. First Division thickersist 2 Asyears ago. Graham recently won a fong battle with the British Boding Board of Control to regain his licence and was allowed to box again after undergoing medical tests.

Australia yesterday called up Adam Glichnst to join their Indian tour as a

newcomers, effectively bought

for £30,000, Stoke's presence among the promotion pack had pleasantly surprised him prior to Saturday's freakish 4-0 home defeat by Sheffield United. "In the past, players we've hrought in from other clubs

have found it difficult to settle in right away, due to the fact that we like exceptionally hard grafters who are going to fly about for 90 minutes. It's hard to find that kind of player from a club like Tottenham or Chelsea, where they tend to go in to training and say: 'Let's knock the ball around'."

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stand-in for the injured wickelfeeper lan Healty. But Healty, who suffered a hem-string injury in Australia's two-wicket loss to India in a Titon Cup limited overs metch yesterday, will remain with the substrainan Cricket Board in Sydney he would return home.

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museum, shop and media centre. Work starts at the end of next season.

Cycling
And Mercio, the 24-year-old son of the Belgian rider Eddy Mercio, has signed a two-year contract with the fadien team, Poto. Axel, who had his first professional victory this year, will earn around £1.30,000 a year.

Miguel Indurein, the five-time Tour de France winner, is #18 unsure about his future. The 32-year-old was reported to be on the verge of retirement after losing this year's four de France to Denmark's Bjame Riis, but he said over the weekend he may not announce his future until the end of the year. "I have a contract with Banesto until 31 December and after that date we'll see."

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Kabir Takher, Great Britain'a Olympic centre-half and Carmook's captain is the subject of enquines by the disciplinary committee of the Middands Hockey Association following an incident after his club's recent game at Centerbury. He is alleged to have sworn at Hamish Jemson, one of the umpires in the game. SON, OTRE OF THE UTTIPLY OF IN THE GEMME. WOMEN'S WORLD GUP PRELIMENTARY TOUR-NAMENT (PORT of Spaint: Pool A: Jamaica 2: Transica 3: Toby 0: Section 0: Inde 0: South Africa 2: Shariffage: 1: South Africa (P4, Pts 10); 2: India (4-9); 3: Section 0: India (4-5); 4: Italy (4-3); 5: Jamaica (4-3); 6: Transica 6: India (4-5); 6: Italy (4-3); 5: Jamaica (4-3); 6: Transica (4-9); 1: Segum 3: Standings: 1: New Zessant (3-9); 2: Japan (4-9); 3: Segum 3: 4-9; 4: Cach Republic (3-4); 5: France (3-3); 8: Cube (4-9).

Rugby League

First Division Widnes have been forced to cut their capacity to 3,500 for next season while redevelopment work takes place at Newstiton Park. Work begins soon to convert the club's ground into a 14,000-capacity stadium.

Rugby Union
The Cardiff fanter Emyr Lewis faces a six-week lay-off after breaking the index finger on his left hand during Sarturday's Heinekan Europeen Cup defeat in Toulouse. Lewis underwent sungay last night to insert a small titentum plate and the screen. Lewis carone 41 transer. and five screws. Lewis, capped 41 times by Wales, had been back to his best form and was within sight of a recall to the national team before this infury. The Rugby Footbell Union yesterday, The Rugby Footbell Union yesterday signed a £100,000 footwear deal with Puma to supply the RFU with the com-pany's boots, trainers and holdalls. Second Division Moseley have signed the 25-year-old former Junior All Backs stand-olf Richard Le Bes after the player impressed in two reserve team trial garnes in the past week.

The newly named Emerging Wales team will have their first metch later this year when they face the Junior Spring boks at St Helens, Swansea on 14 De

Bath are concerned by reports that sup-porters of the French side, Dax, plan to release occlearers on to the field be-fore the start of their European Cup match on Saturday. The English cham-pions have contacted the animal wel-tare group RSPCA for advice and are multing over whether to employ a pro-fessional bird catcher.

Alberto Tomba, the Italian Olympic and World Alpine champion injured his left linee and right wrist yesterday while trianing on a giscler in Trento, Italy. A statement from his publicity agents said that Tomba, training at Pesso del Tomale, was thrown about five metres through the air. The release added that hospital treatment had not been ruled out.

Snooker BOURDASHOUTH GRAND PREX Third round: J Perrott (Eng) bt 11 Morgan (Wales) 5-0; M Williams (Wal) bt M King (Eng) 5-3.

Creditors of Bjorn Borg, the five times

without of champion, are losing their patience, and they said yesterday that he must pay up or declare personal bankruptcy. "He [Borgl claims to lack assets. I claim that this is false. This way we can investigate the matter," the attorney Bartil Sodermark serid. Sodermark serid. nark represents a group of creditors who ave claims of 10 million knonor (£1m). The claims date from Borg's involvement in a company that marketed clothing under his name. The company ran into deep financial trouble and was reSTUTTEART OPEN Pirat round: N Keler (Gert It H Burry (Angle 3-8-0. R Rurlan (B) let F Demail 698 6-4-6-1: R Reneberg (US) let F Demail 698 6-4-6-1: R Reneberg (US) let F Demail 698 6-1: M Stuch (Borr) http://district.nic.in/stuck (Aus) let H keler (US) 7-6-6-1: M Rossett (Swet) let A O'Brien (US) 7-6-6-1: M Rossett (Swet) let A O'Brien (US) 7-6-6-3: G Rueschel (GB) let C Moyo (Sio 6-3-6-4: S Swepton (Anni let M Philippousse (Aus) 7-6-3: G Swepton (Can) let S Brugaren (Sp) 7-6-6-0. Second round: R Krajicek (Metr) let A Boetzeh (CR) 4-6-6-3-6-2-1 C Caner (US) let B Ullmach (CR Repi 7-6-6-4.

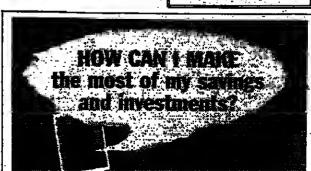
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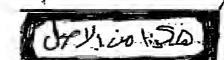
TODAY'S

NUMBER

The number of members of the Czech ice hockey club: Sparta who returned from a recent trip to Moscow without having contracted dysentery. The remainder have been quarantined and Sparta's facilities in Prague have been furnigated and disinfected.



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Wenger comes to **Wright's** defence

Football

MARK BURTON

Arsenc Wenger yesterday de-fended Ian Wright and dis-missed any possibility of cluh action against the striker, who was accused by Steve Ogrizovic of deliberately breaking his nose in the final minute of Saturday's goalless draw with Coventry.

The Sky Blues decided not to take the matter further, al-though Ogrizovic urged Arsenal to take action against their 10-goal top scorer. Wenger ruled out any chance he might leave Wright out of tomorrow's Coca-Cola Cup match at Stoke.

"Ian has been wrongly accused and 1 am amazed that people react so quickly to do so," Wenger said. "At the time so," Wenger said. "At the time of the incident on Saturday 1 could not see clearly what happened but I have now looked at the film and told Ian there was nothing wrong with his actions. In fact, I thought it should have been a penalty for Arsenal as the goalkeeper twice grabhed Ian's legs.

"I feel sorry for the goal-keeper that he is injured, but it is part of the grant A. ... is part of the game. And I also feel sorry for Ian that people accuse him so quickly. They should check first. Ian will cope with it because he knows, as I do, that every incident involving Arsenal is multiplied 20 times in the media."

Joe Royle is interested in taking Norwich's highly rated midfielder Darren Eadie to Everton. Royle made a final check on the former England Under-21 international at the weekend. He could offer Norwich's former Everton manager Mike Walker Anders Limpar and Vinny Samways in exchange for Eadie. Royle, who has £10m to spend, has also put feelers out for QPR's Trevor Sinclair and the Karlsruhe striker Sean

Dundee. Several other managers have shown an interest in Sinclair, but, for the moment at least, he is not leaving Shepherds Bush. At a press conference yesterday to announce the flotation of Loftus Road plc, QPR's chair-man, Chris Wright, acknow-ledged that Sinclair had requested a transfer but added: 'In a nutshell, we want him to

He added that. "QPR intend

sellers". Wright said he hoped to persuade the England winger to stay, and praised him saying that: "Ircvor's attitude has been

exemplary."

Blackburn Rovers' chairman Robert Coar, has dismissed speculation that his club is trying to sign the Brazilian international striker Bebeto. "It's just the latest name to be floated across us and that's all it is," Coar said.

The former Portsmouth manager John Gregory is the new manager of the Nationwide Second Division club Wycombe, who sacked Alan Smith a month ago. Gregory, 42, who was the first-team coach at Aston Villa, takes over a side who have won only two games all season and are one place off the bottom of the division.

Nottingham Forest yesterday signed a multi-million pound, eight-year sponsorship deal with Umbro Sports. Forest's involvement with Umbro stretches back a decade.

Forest's chairman, Fred Reacher welcomed the new deal but warned that the club manager, Frank Clark, would not have hig sums of money to spend as a result.

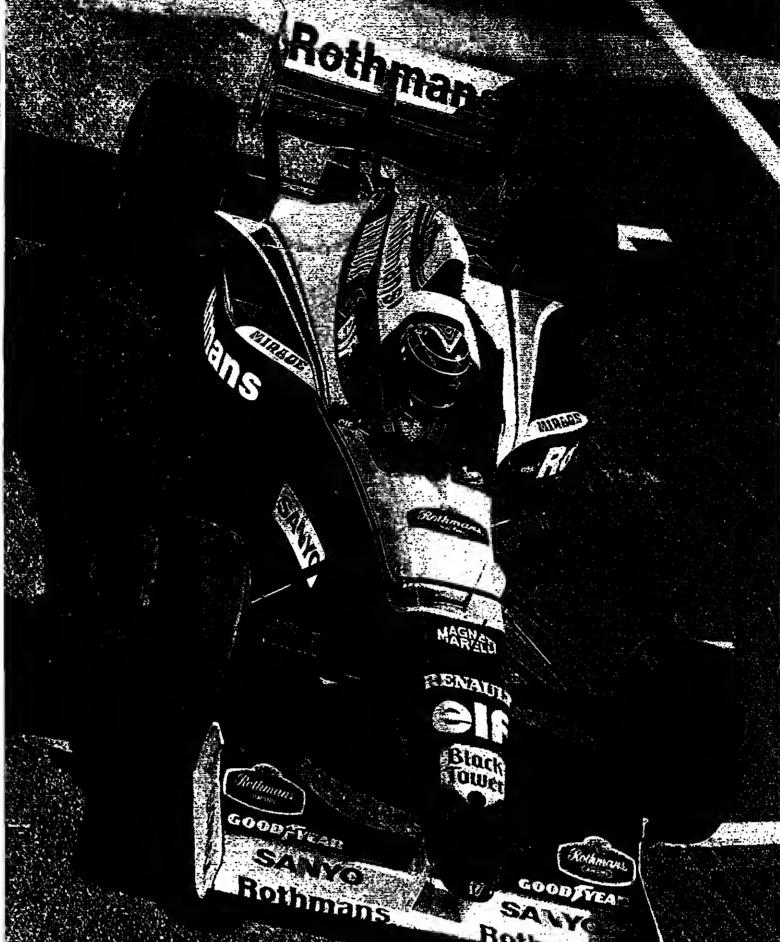
Don Robinson, the former Hull City chairman, bas put in a £1.5m bid to take over the Third Division club. Robinson resigned as chairman in 1989, having saved the club in May 1982 after they had fallen into the hands of the receivers.

The leisure company Conrad is poised to complete the £10m takeover of Sheffield United. Conrad shares have been suspended at the company's request pending approval of reorganisation proposals.

The former England midfielder Geoff Thomas has relaunched his Wolves career after 13 months out with a succession of knee injuries. Thomas played 90 minutes for the reserves during their 2-0 defeat against Preston last night.

Mark Bosnich, the Aston Villa goalkeeper, is still waiting to find out whether he will be charged by police over his Hitler style salute at White Hart Lane after being questioned by offi-

cers in London. Rangers will find out on 7 November the punishment for Paul Gascoigne's red card in Amsterdam last week. His han could be as much as four games to be nett buyers of players not and stretch into next season.



Debut in the driving seat: Heinz-Haraid Frentzen gets to grips with the Williams-Renault during a testing session at Estoril, Portugal, yesterday. The 29-year-old German moved from Sauber to replace Damon Hill in the Oxfordshire-based team at the end of last season

Photograph: Steve Etherington/Empics

Sabatinⁱ is read to call it a day

Gabriela Sabatini is planning to end her freefall down the women's world rankings by retiring from the game at the age

of just 26.
The Argentinian, who was for a long time the world No 3. hut who has seen her ranking slip to a lowly 29, is expected to make her announcement at a press conference at Madison Square Garden tomorrow.

The venue might provide : few poignant memories for Sabatini, who claimed the 199 Virginia Slims Championship there, her last victory in an important event. She has won 2 singles title in her profession career but reached only thr grand slam finals and has b unable to win any tournar in oearly two years.

A source close to Saba said yesterday that the rel ment was to take effect im. diately, and that there were plans for her to play in selec tournaments or to make farewell tour."

Sabatini has been troubled: a stomach injury in recent months and was unable to pla m the French Open and Wim hledon. She did not advanc past the third round of the U. Open, a tournament she won in 1990 by beating Steffi Graf it. the final for the biggest victory of her career.

In Argentma, where Sabatini is the greatest female tennis player in the nation's history, oewspapers blared word of her retirement yesterday.
"Gabriela is Leaving Tennis"

and "Gaby is Retiring From Tennis," the major newspapers La Nacion and Clarin aonounced respectively in frontpage headlines. Other papers, published similar reports.

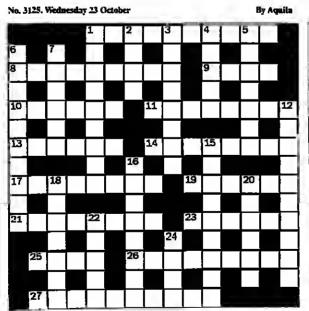
Sabatini turned professional in 1985 and despite being among the top 10 women players for ocarly a decade her play has steadily declined over the last two seasons.

Her last tournament title came at the New South Wales Open in Australia in January 1995. In what looks like bein her last match on the circuit she lost in the first round to Jennifer Capriatl in the European Indoor tournament in Zurich. Switzerland last week.

Always a player who threatened more than she achieved, Sabatini will perhaps be best remembered for her achievement in reaching the Wimbledon final in 1991 when she served for the match against Graf before ultimately losing 8-6 in the final set.

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RFU face legal threat after talks break down

away and did not suggest that

the national squad, most of

whom have signed Epruc con-tracts, would be asked to boy-

cott tomorrow's England

training session at Healey. Nevertheless, the breakdown

will come as a serious blow to

the England coach, Jack Row-

ell whose preparations for the Italy match are being under-

mined by the continuing politi-

is in such a state of upheaval.

Colin Herridge, the RFU trensurer who missed yester-

Italy, registered his deep dismay

at the failure to reach a settle-

CHRIS HEWETT

once again.

England's leading rugby clubs are threatening to take legal action against their governing body, the Rugby Foothall Union, following yet another damaging turn of events in the long-running power battle that has ripped the sport asunder. Relations between the two sides reached their lowest ebb yesterday as talks broke down

The RFU claimed last night

that Epruc, the pressure group representing clubs in England's top two divisions, had refused to confirm that players would be released for England's opening international of the season against Italy on 23 November. John Richardson, the RFU president, insisted that his team had put forward a "fair and long-term" agreement and said he would be writing to each of the 24 clubs individually to appeal for moderation.

Epruc, meanwhile, accused the RFU of acting in had faith by reneging on a draft agree-ment forged at a marathon round of negotiations on 14 Oc-tober. Donald Kerr, the Epruc chairman, said a wholly different document was oo the table when discussions resumed at the Richmood Gale Hotel in Lon-

ment. "It's disastrous for both doo yesterday.
"We very nearly reached an the clubs and the RFU," he said. agreement," Kerr said on Radio 5 Live last night. "We had "I haven't seen the latest document but I was under the imdrafted that agreement and pression that it was simply a then last oight they faxed more user-frieodly version of through to us a completely difthe earlier draft. I honestly ferent agreement where they re- thought that we had the basis

tracted everything they had agreed at the first series of in serious danger of scaring broadcasters and sponsors away

meetings, even to the extent where they offered us £200,000 to wind up Epruc." He claimed that the RFU from the game." Herridge, regarded by the clubs as an RFU "dove", was replaced by the finance specialist David Fison at yesterday's meet-ing. The other RFU negotiators had hardened their stance to such a degree that Epruc, which is demanding control over doincluded Richardson, their secmestic club competitions, now retary, Tony Hallett and the exhad no option but to recommend legal action to its memecutive chairman, Cliff Brittle, bers. This, he said, would be brought under United Kingdom who has repeatedly incurred the wrath of the Epruc officials. One Epruc insider last night and European competition law although, significantly, he stopped short of saying that the identified Brittle as "the one and only stumbling block". clubs would now stage a hreak-

Both sides were legally represented yesterday while the players sent along their own ob-server, the Bristol-based solicitor David Powell, who said: "1 hope the two sides can get back round the table and reconsider is positions because the game needs the money far more than the lawyers do." But asked if he. could see potential for a lasting settlement, he said: "If the RFU maintain their stance, the answer

cal wrangle. Although he has is probably no." chosen a new captain to replace The clubs expected to discuss only two outstanding issues yes-terday, the RFU's demand for Will Carling, who retired from the job last spring, he feels unable to name him while the game a veto over any new competitions and the complex situation surrounding the governing body's corporation tax liability. day's talks because of a visit to Epruc officials are angry that up to £4m may have to go to the tampan when, they say, it could easily have been distributed to

According to the Epruc team, however, the document with which they were confronted raised far broader issues and as a result, the meeting broke up in a morass of bad feeling



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